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A GIS framework for road asset monitoring in mountainous regions: a Tajikistan case

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Abstract: This article examines an approach to digital monitoring of road conditions and transport accessibility in the mountainous regions of Tajikistan based on modern geoinformation technologies. The first section substantiates the need to transition from occasional field surveys to systematic monitoring using satellite imagery, unmanned aerial vehicle data, and a unified GIS portal for the road network. It describes a methodology for integrating disparate remote sensing and ground-based data, as well as procedures for their preprocessing, georeferencing, and validation. Particular attention is paid to the development of a unified GIS portal structure that enables the storage, updating, and visualization of information on road surface conditions and road infrastructure elements in mountainous areas. The potential of geoinformation analysis for identifying areas of accelerated road degradation, assessing the impact of terrain and climatic factors, and calculating transport accessibility indicators for populated areas and socially significant facilities is demonstrated. The proposed approach allows supporting decision-making on road repair and maintenance, increasing the efficiency of limited financial resources, and forming the basis for the implementation of a road asset management system in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Keywords: geoinformation monitoring, satellite data, GIS portal, roadway degradation, mountain roads, transport accessibility, RAMS

1. Introduction

Roads in mountainous regions are characterized by accelerated degradation due to a combination of difficult terrain, intense climatic influences, and limited accessibility for regular field surveys. These factors are particularly acute in the Republic of Tajikistan, as a significant portion of the road network passes through mountainous and high-altitude areas, where traditional diagnostic methods require significant resources and do not provide sufficiently frequent data updates.

In recent years, approaches to monitoring road asset conditions based on satellite data, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), computer vision, and geographic information systems (GIS) have been rapidly developing globally. Most research focuses on the automatic detection of road surface defects, assessing the accuracy of machine learning algorithms, and comparing the performance of various sensors. However, significantly less work has been devoted to integrating remote sensing results into national road asset management systems (RAMS) using formalized linear referencing, segmentation, and analytical layers oriented toward management decision-making.

In particular, existing literature has insufficiently addressed the issues of aligning highly detailed UAV and satellite monitoring data with official RAMS data structures, such as network segmentation, operational condition indicators (IRI, visual indices), and planning tools (including HDM-IV-type models). This limits the practical application of remote monitoring for repair prioritization and strategic road network management.

The purpose of this article is to develop and test an integrated geoinformation approach to monitoring road assets in the mountainous conditions of Tajikistan. This approach is based on the fusion of satellite and drone data, a linear reference system (ALRS), and GIS analytical methods compatible with RAMS requirements. The paper proposes the structure of a unified GIS portal that enables the transformation of heterogeneous observation data into standardized condition and risk layers suitable for use in road asset planning and management.

The scientific contributions of this paper include the following:

1. A practical framework for integrating remote sensing data into RAMS based on linear referencing and segmentation is proposed;

2. A set of GIS-based analytical layers is developed that enable the interpretation of pavement degradation, taking into account mountain and climatic factors;

3. The applicability of the proposed approach to supporting decision-making in resource-constrained road agencies is demonstrated.

Literature Review

A key contribution of remote sensing is the ability to repeatedly and consistently monitor road condition deterioration over time. Longitudinal UAV monitoring has been used to detect multi-year changes in pavement damage and relate them to environmental factors (e.g., permafrost and slope processes), demonstrating how image-based damage rates and roughness metrics can support temporal comparisons in mountainous and climate-sensitive corridors [1].

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At network scale, satellite imagery combined with pavement management tags has been used to train deep learning models for condition assessment, with one study reporting overall classification accuracy above 90% [2]. This validates the role of satellites as a scalable layer for periodic, wide-coverage monitoring - especially where ground-based diagnostics are sparse or inconsistent.

2.2. From images to measurements: georeferencing, ortho-correction, and quantification.

Decision-making requires comparable measurements across time and space, increasing the importance of pre-processing (geo-referencing, distortion correction, orthomosaic creation). A low-cost, real-time machine vision system demonstrates how photogrammetric homography and planar mapping can transform pixel information into real-world distances without expensive hardware, enabling image-based metric estimates suitable for rapid condition assessment [3].

For UAV surveys, robust stitching and correction remain critical. UAV pavement stitching workflows that consider overlaps and flight control, combined with semantic crack segmentation, have been used to create orthomosaics and quantify crack morphology; reported errors in extracted features (area, length, width) are approximately 16% in complex scenarios [4].

2.3. AI models for near-real-time damage detection and results inference.

Recent studies report high performance in applying computer vision to defect detection on UAVs. A UAV-based defect detection pipeline using the YOLO family detector shows a mAP@0.5 of approximately 89,5% [5], demonstrating the feasibility of real-time screening of common defects in aerial imagery.

Beyond performance, numerous literature highlights deployment-oriented considerations: improving robustness through preprocessing/extension, handling class imbalance and segmentation loss engineering, and generating output data that can be integrated into GIS layers. A literature review summarizes a wide range of approaches to automatic detection and measurement of defects, while noting practical limitations regarding generalization and standardization across sensors and environments [7].

Furthermore, drone-to-web concepts point to future operational models in which autonomous UAV surveys and airborne detection publish geo-referenced emergency data to a web platform for maintenance prioritization [8].

2.4. GIS/RAMS integration: from monitoring to management decisions.

The literature clearly demonstrates that the full value of remote sensing and AI is only realized when the results are integrated into asset management processes. A review of the current state of transportation asset management practices highlights implemented agency workflows combining GIS platforms with photogrammetry, mobile mapping, and LiDAR for inventory and condition management [6, 18].

For mountain road networks, intelligent GIS for mountain roads demonstrates the integration of field studies, laboratory material properties, open remote sensing and meteorological data into a forecasting and management-oriented IGIS framework, emphasizing the need to link observed damage patterns with climatic and terrain factors [9].

In the context of RAMS in Tajikistan, the informal literature provides explicit requirements defining the operationalization of monitoring results. The technical and functional requirements of RAMS emphasize an integrated approach to spatially supported databases (RAMS unified logical database, RDBMS spatial environment) based on a road location reference system (RLRS) to ensure consistent linkage of assets, conditions, and activities [10]. The initial report envisions RAMS as a multi-stakeholder decision support system that should include high-level reporting tools and dashboards, as well as an inventory database linked to GIS technologies and electronic documentation [11].

In the reviewed literature, the most compelling evidence points to (i) the use of UAVs and satellite monitoring as complementary methods, (ii) visual data-based detection/segmentation of incidents, and (iii) integration with GIS for management purposes. However, the provided corpus contains limited empirical data on radar-optical fusion for road condition monitoring, comprehensive comparative sensor matching experiments, and fully described implementations of spatial database schemes. Therefore, these topics should be considered as challenges for future research or as requiring additional specialized sources beyond the scope of the current review.

Study area and input data. The proposed framework is designed for Tajikistan's mountain corridors, where frequent field surveys are difficult and deterioration factors vary dramatically over short distances. The basic input data for assessing operational conditions are (i) IRI-based roughness over 100-meter sections and (ii) visual condition recorded by the ODCC over 10-meter sections. Maintaining data relevance for long-term decision-making requires consistent spatial referencing, verification, and data update management.

Remote sensing complements these studies by providing multiple spatial data for (a) identifying priority network sections and (b) creating high-precision defect inventories along selected corridors.

2.5. Quantitative assessment of the effect of geoinformation filtering.

To assess the practical value of the proposed geoinformation approach, aggregated data on operational condition was processed for 100-meter segments using the IRI indicator and visual damage assessment (ODCC). In the first stage, the entire set of segments of the surveyed national roads was analyzed without preliminary spatial filtering. In the second stage, GIS filtering was applied, based on combining condition data with factors such as topography, drainage, and climate vulnerability.

The results showed that the use of geoinformation filtering reduced the number of segments prioritized for detailed survey and repair planning by an average of 25-30% compared to an analysis based solely on IRI thresholds. Furthermore, the resulting priority sample included areas with the highest degradation rates and increased sensitivity to natural factors, confirming the feasibility of using GIS analytics as a preliminary selection tool.

The obtained result indicates that the integration of remote monitoring and spatial analysis not only allows for more informative condition assessments, but also significantly reduces the burden on resource-intensive field surveys, which is especially important for mountainous regions with limited budgets.

2. Methodology

Using satellite and drone data to assess road conditions

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Remote sensing has become a practical complement to traditional pavement surveys because it enables the acquisition of repeatable, georeferenced data across large networks while simultaneously enabling highly detailed inspections of priority corridors. For a road asset management system (RAMS), the value lies not in the images themselves, but in the ability to convert imagery into standardized condition attributes (e.g., cracks, potholes, ruts, roughness indices) that can be linked to the official road location system and stored consistently over time. In ongoing RAMS implementation work in Tajikistan, available condition data already includes 100-m-resolution IRI and 10-m-resolution ODCC visual assessment; however, to improve planning, more accurate damage inventories, rutting, full-weight bearing capacity (FWD), girth thickness (GPR), and skid resistance are necessary or desirable. Figure 1 schematically illustrates the multi-source monitoring approaches.

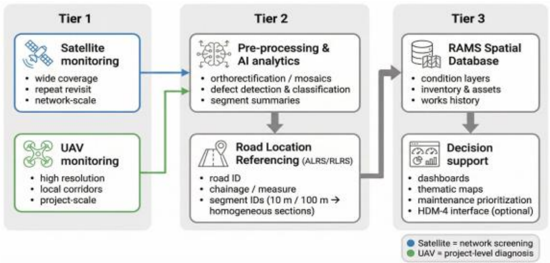

Fig. 1. Conceptual diagram of the multi-source monitoring approach

Satellite observations support network-level screening and change detection, while UAV missions provide project-level defect inventory. Both streams are linked to ALRS location keys and stored as segment-level events/indices for aggregation into homogeneous partitions.

3.1. Road condition monitoring using satellite/UAV data for RAMS.

To support decision-making, remote sensing results must be consistent with the condition information expected in the RAMS database (e.g., surface/structure condition elements such as cracks, deterioration, potholes, edge debris, and ruts; as well as indices such as PCI and roughness/IRI). In practice, this requires: (i) clear definition of target defects and indices; (ii) consistent georeferencing to road station dates/sections; and (iii) recurring update cycles to support trend analysis, budgeting, and performance monitoring.

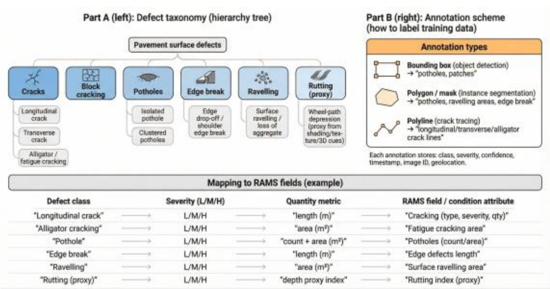

Fig. 2. Defect taxonomy and annotation scheme for model training, corresponding to RAMS

In Figure 2, the taxonomy defines which defects can be detected (crack classes, potholes, edge failure, divergence, and rut simulation) and specifies annotation geometry (polyline/polygon/rectangle) and severity attributes for consistent dataset creation and loading into RAMS.

A key constraint of RAMS integration is segmentation. Although surveys and images are collected at varying levels of granularity (points, fixed segments, variable segments), planning tools such as HDM-IV require transformation into homogeneous areas. Therefore, remote sensing results must be provided with clear location rules and metadata to support aggregation and transformation.

For practical implementation of the taxonomy (see Figure 2) and loading results into RAMS/SUDA, it is advisable to use the standardized metrics per 100-meter segment and severity level assignment rules (L/M/H) presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1

Defect taxonomy, annotation type, and metrics for a 100-meter segment (for integration into RAMS)

Defect/indicator	**Annotation type (ML)**	**Metric per 100 m**	**Field in RAMS (example)**
Longitudinal/transverse cracks	Polyline	∑ crack length, m/100 m	Cracking: type + severity + qty
Network/fatigue cracking	Mask/Polygon	area, m²/100 m or %	Fatigue cracking area
Block fracturing	Mask/Polygon	area, m²/100 m or %	Block cracking area
Potholes	BBox and/or Mask	quantity, pcs/100 m; area, m²/100 m	Potholes: count / area
Edge destruction	Polyline and/or Mask	length, m/100 m	Edge defects length
Coloring	Mask/Polygon	area, m²/100 m or %	Surface ravelling area

Table 2

Condition indicators and rules for assigning weight (L/M/H) for the 100m segment (including IRI according to ODM 218.6.007-2012)

Indicator	**Designation**	**Unit measurements**	**Calculation per 100 m**	**Severity (L/M/H)**
Length of cracks	Crack_Len_100	m /100 m	Sum of the lengths of crack polyline	L: ≤A1; M: A1–A2; H: ≥A2

			s on a segment	
Area of mesh/ block cracks	Crack_ Area_100	m²/100 m or %	Area of lesion masks (or area fraction)	L: ≤B1; M: B1–B2; H: ≥B2
Potholes	Pothole_ Count_100 / Pothole_ Area_100	pcs, m²	Number and total area of potholes on a segment	L: ≤C1; M: C1–C2; H: ≥C2
Edge destruction	EdgeBreak_Len_ 100	m/100 m	Sum of edge fracture length on a segment	L: ≤D1; M: D1–D2; H: ≥D2
Coloring	Ravel_Area_100	m²/100 m or %	Area/proportion of chipping on a segment	L: ≤E1; M: E1–E2; H: ≥E2
Evenness (IRI)	IRI_100	m/km	IRI calculated along a profile on a 100 m segment	L: ≤R1; M: R1–R2; H: ≥R2

Note: Thresholds A1–E2 and R1–R2 are set according to current requirements for operational conditions and/or departmental regulations; for IRI, it is recommended to use the threshold scale adopted in ODM 218.6.007-2012. [19]

Figure 3 shows a schematic of an example of location and segmentation logic.

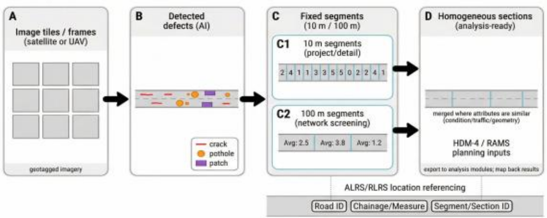

Fig. 3. Example of location and segmentation logic

3.2. Satellite monitoring for network-level inspection and change detection

Satellite imagery is best suited for large-scale surveys, corridor monitoring, and change detection (e.g., flood/landslide effects, earthworks, underlying surface failure patterns) because it provides wide coverage and frequent repeat surveys. Recent research shows that deep learning applied to satellite data can support automatic detection of pavement anomalies and general condition, especially when combined with GIS context and historical observations [1, 3]. Satellite-based approaches are particularly useful for identifying priority locations for high-precision inspections, rather than attempting to completely replace project-level diagnostics.

However, satellite imagery has limitations in detecting fine damage (fine cracks, early-stage failure), which is often below the spatial resolution required for reliable classification. Therefore, satellite data should be presented as risk/priority layers (e.g., "likely damaged areas" or "rapid failure zones") that trigger targeted surveys using UAVs or ground-based assets, rather than as definitive engineering measurements.

3.3. UAV-based monitoring for high-precision damage inventory and engineering evidence.

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) provide high-resolution imagery suitable for damage inventory and localized diagnostics, including detection and classification of cracks, potholes, edge defects, and repair quality. In the literature, convolutional neural network (CNN)-based models and instance segmentation methods (e.g., Mask R-CNN) have demonstrated high performance in recognizing and delineating pavement defects in images and video streams, enabling automated condition mapping [2, 5, 7]. UAV workflows typically include flight planning, orthomosaic generation, defect detection/segmentation, and conversion of detected defects into GIS layers and summary metrics for each segment.

UAV data collection is operationally limited by weather conditions, lighting, regulatory requirements, and flight duration, and generates large data sets that require computational resources and robust quality control. These limitations necessitate a multi-layered approach: UAV deployment should be prioritized for high-traffic areas, potential maintenance projects, and segments identified using satellite imagery or roughness trend analysis.

3.4. Data processing pipeline and quality assurance for RAMS-ready output.

A RAMS-compliant remote sensing data processing pipeline should be an iterative sequence from data collection to database loading. A practical structure is as follows (see Figure 4):

1. Data Collection (satellite imagery/UAV missions);
2. Pre-processing (radiometric correction, orthorectification, mosaicking);
3. Feature Extraction (AI-assisted feature detection/segmentation + rule-based metrics);
4. Validation (point checks; comparison with ground/vehicle surveys where possible);
5. Conversion to RAMS Schema (events/defects by segment, indices, timestamps, metadata);
6. Publishing (GIS layers, dashboards, and exportable reports).

This meets RAMS expectations for data management, where collected information must be validated, converted into required formats (by links, fixed 100m sections or variable segments) and securely stored for analysis and audit.

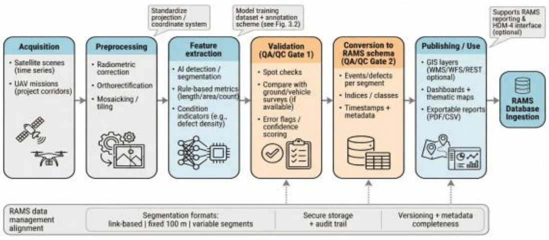

Fig. 4. Integrated remote sensing data processing pipeline to produce RAMS-compliant results

3.5. Recommended outputs for integration: from images to decision layers.

Rather than viewing remote sensing as a stand-alone "monitoring tool," this section should emphasize specific deliverables that support maintenance planning:

● Georeferenced defect layers (by defect type and severity) corresponding to RAMS condition categories;

● Segment summaries (10m/100m, then aggregated into homogeneous areas for planning);

● Derived indices (PCI/condition classes) and change metrics (deterioration rate);

● Supporting documentation packages (images/thumbnails associated with each segment) to enable audit trails and information sharing.

This formulation is consistent with the identified data needs: Tajikistan's RAMS system already has IRI and ODCC data in certain areas, but also explicitly notes the need to expand towards detailed damage inventory, rutting, bearing capacity, and thickness data – areas where UAV imagery combined with AI (and some ground-based instruments) can significantly strengthen the evidence base for planning.

Creation of a unified GIS portal for the road network of Tajikistan

A unified GIS portal is increasingly viewed as a key digital tool for national road agencies, as it integrates disparate road data into a unified spatial environment, reduces duplication, and enables analytics and reporting for planning and maintenance. International experience offers practical precedents: the US Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) provides centralized collection and reporting of road data (usually updated annually), and the EU INSPIRE Transport platform supports interoperable transport layers using OGC standards. Similar approaches have been implemented in Central Asia, for example, within the Kazakhstani RAMS-KZ system, which integrates diagnostics (IRI/PCI) and forecasting into a ministerial portal. Initial developments are currently underway in Tajikistan through Geoportal-TJ, but this does not yet include systematic information on repairs and operations, limiting its value for maintenance planning and accountability.

In the context of the reform of the road risk and condition assessment system in Tajikistan, a unified GIS portal should be viewed not as a stand-alone map viewer, but as a GIS "interface" and spatial framework linking the main subsystems of the road risk and condition assessment system with verified, location-referenced data on road infrastructure and road conditions. The specifications of the road risk and condition assessment system explicitly provide for mapping capabilities through an integrated geographic information system (IGIS), defined as a user-friendly interface linking the subsystems of the road risk and condition assessment system with an external GIS package for use by specialists. This positioning makes the portal a practical tool for: (i) consistent storage and updating of spatial objects and their attributes, (ii) thematic presentation and visualization for decision support, and (iii) standardized export of maps and reports.

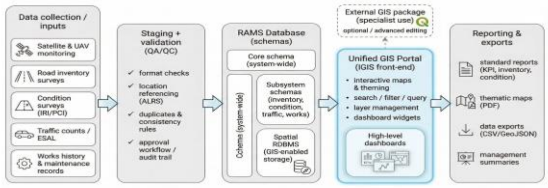

Fig. 5. The role of the Unified GIS Portal in the national RAMS ecosystem

Figure 5 shows the data collection process that serves as an intermediate/validation layer before inclusion in RAMS schemes: the portal provides access to validated layers through maps, dashboards and standard export files to support planning and ensure accountability.

4.1. Objectives and scope of the GIS portal.

The Unified GIS Portal of the Road Network of the Republic of Tajikistan (hereinafter referred to as "GIS-RTN") is proposed as a key element of the national digital transport strategy and an operational component of the broader digital platform (DPUS-RTN). Its practical goal is to provide a unified platform for storing, analyzing, and visualizing road network data, while ensuring interoperability across agencies and systems. Specifically, the portal should support: consolidation of interdepartmental datasets, a national road topological model linked to contextual layers (e.g., climate and cadastral), interactive analysis tools (search/filtering/reporting), and mechanisms for systematically updating data from diagnostic and mobile systems (e.g., RTRRMS, FWD, LiDAR, where possible).

4.2. Architecture compliant with RAMS requirements.

A robust portal architecture must have a multi-tiered structure that complies with generally accepted national GIS portal templates and supports gradual scalability. At the same time, RAMS technical requirements emphasize that the spatial framework must integrate storage, processing, and web display: data must be stored in a GIS-enabled database, editable using advanced GIS tools (e.g., QGIS), quickly displayed in a web browser, formatted by attributes, and exportable (including PDF files for printing).

An important principle of RAMS design is the separation of concerns: RAMS is expected to be segmented vertically (web and mobile stacks) and horizontally (security, GIS, user interface, logic, and database layers). The database should store subsystem data in schemas, support system-wide data in a central schema, and include a staging area for data collection results before they impact operational analysis - to support data validation and isolate inconsistencies. A unified GIS portal should utilize the same logic: a controlled path from data upload to verified publication.

4.3. Georeferencing and segmentation as the "foundation of integration".

For Tajikistan, the GIS portal should be tightly linked to the national object location system (ALRS), which enables meter-level georeferencing along road centerlines using specific identifiers (road class/number, carriageway, section, and distance-based measurements) supported by nodal points and location anchor points (see Figure 6). This is necessary to integrate condition survey data, inventory, work history, traffic, and structure data into a single, consistent location logic, as well as to enable the aggregation of results into homogeneous sections required for RAMS analysis (including HDM-IV studies).

The RAMS specifications explicitly state that an interface to HDM-IV is required, capable of dynamic segmentation based on regularly updated condition data, export of representative/homogeneous sections, and exchange of results back to RAMS for reporting and decision support. Thus, the GIS portal must publish (and consume) segmentation-ready layers (e.g. 10m/100m survey segments and then aggregated homogeneous parcels) and maintain a trackable version structure of parcel definitions across update cycles.

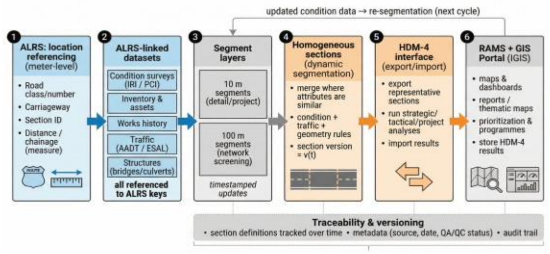

Fig. 6. Data linking and dynamic segmentation workflow based on ALRS

To illustrate the minimum set of HDM-IV input parameters (for strategic/tactical planning), an abbreviated fragment of the initial list of national road sections (data example) is provided below. An abbreviated example of HDM-IV input data and pavement condition attributes is provided below in Table 3.

Table 3

Data on the condition of some national highways

Road Index	Road sections	L, km	Cat.	AADT auto/day	IRI, m/km	Cracks, %	Potholes, pcs/km	Edge, m²/km	Track, mm
RR 004	Pugus – Safedorak	18.3	IY	260	8	50	10	100	20
RR 022	Vahdat-Romit	37.0	III	2665	7	50	4	100	10
RR 032	Vose – Khovaling	86.0	III	783	14	30	5	100	0
RR 033	Kulob – Muminobod	41.8	III	1809	9	100	0	100	0
RR 041	Khorog – Tukuzbulok	154.5	IY	812	16	100	10	50	0
RR 043	Rudaki-Yavan-Uyali	107.0	III	1651	5	50	5	100	0
RR 045	Rudaki – Shurtugay	80.9	III	1402	6	50	2	0	0
RR 048	Dushanbe – Gissar	17.6	IY	13106	5	25	0	0	0
RR 049	Collective farm "Russia" – Guliston	9.1	IY	7908	6	30	5	0	20
RR 054	Bokhtar – Dangara	71.6	III	2680	5	10	1	100	0
RR 059	Uzun – Beshai Palangon (tiger beam)	32.5	III	1352	5	20	2	10	0
RR 070	Gafurov-Pungan	137.2	III	1362	9	50	3	0	0

Summary (based on Table 5, n=13): total length 820.5 km; IRI (weighted average) 9.12 m/km; AADT (average) 3091 vehicles/day; max. gauge 20 mm.

Figures 7-9 show graphical data generated from the RR sections. They are used to visualize coverage quality, traffic relationships, and prioritization in RAMS.

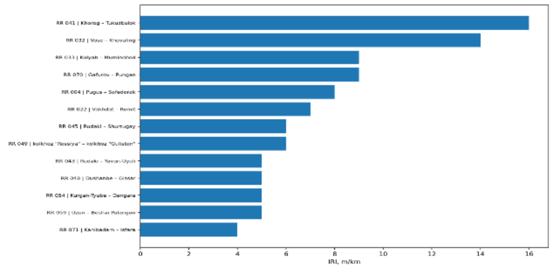

Fig. 7. IRI by sections (sorted by deterioration)

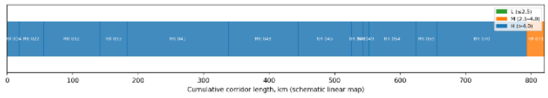

Fig. 8. Conditional linear map of sections (color by IRI class, length - L, km)

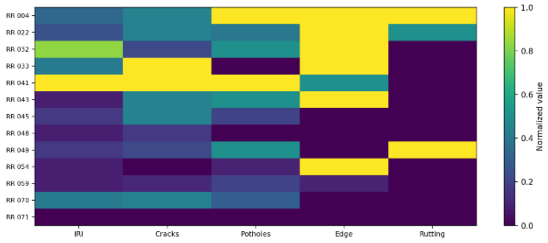

Fig. 9. State profile by sections (standardized 0-1 for each indicator)

4.4. Portal core data model and thematic layers.

The portal database should cover road geometry and classification, pavement characteristics (material, thickness, repair time), diagnostics (IRI, PCI, defects, rutting), structures (bridges, culverts, tunnels, safety features), climatic conditions, traffic loads (ESAL, AADT, vehicle categories), and economic indicators for planning (cost, NPV/PI, or similar). These categories reflect both the agency's practical data sources and the minimum information required for reporting and performance monitoring in a RAMS environment, where reporting should include inventory and condition for each road section, derived condition indices, roughness, predicted wear profiles, and strategic/multi-year plans, supported by thematic maps.

4.5. Dashboards, reporting, and controlled access.

To ensure ease of use by management, not just GIS specialists, the portal should provide visual analytics: interactive maps and dashboards that summarize asset status, inventory, traffic, programs, and value, complemented by charts, filters, and exportable results. In RAMS, dashboards should be user-configurable, comprised of interactive widgets, and accessible through a cloud infrastructure with continuous availability. Furthermore, the system should support role-based access management using profiles (with different permissions for different subsystems, including GIS and dashboards), granting MoT/GUSAD staff, stakeholders, and (if necessary) the public access to selected reports and maps (see Figure 10).

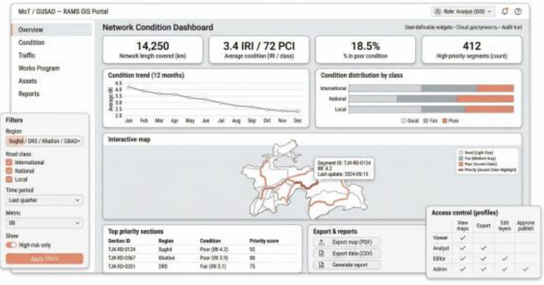

Fig. 10. Proposed dashboard structure for RAMS + GIS portal integration

4.6. Implementation phases and deployment considerations.

A phased implementation mitigates risks and enables early benefits:

1) preparation and audit of existing data (e.g., Geoportal-TJ, OSM) to generate a layer relevance and data quality report;

2) development of a portal prototype, including metadata and API;

3) integration of key diagnostic datasets (e.g., RTRRMS/IRI and other tools, where possible) into a single status database;

4) regional testing;

5) training and methodological materials; and

6) operational deployment on the Ministry of Transport infrastructure.

The deployment should also reflect the RAMS infrastructure requirements, which include a cloud server + a commissioned backup server at the Ministry of Transport/Digitalization Center, as well as minimum connectivity and IT readiness assessments.

Geoinformation analysis of road pavement degradation in mountainous conditions.

Road pavements in mountainous areas deteriorate faster due to the interaction of geomorphological and climatic factors - steep slopes, water erosion, landslides, and freeze-thaw temperature cycles - while many high-risk areas remain difficult to access for frequent field surveys. In these conditions, GIS-based analysis becomes essential, as it allows for the interpretation of wear patterns as a function of spatially varying "factors," rather than just isolated observations during inspections.

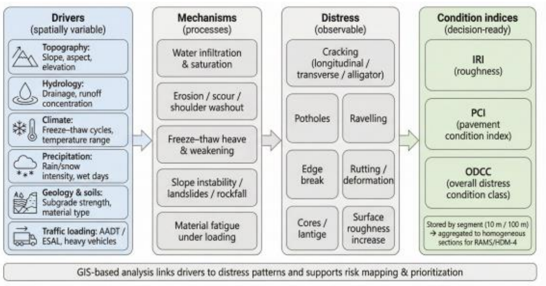

Fig. 11. Conceptual model of mountain road wear: Factors → Mechanisms → Damage → Condition indices

Figure 11 shows the spatial factors (topography, hydrology, climate, geology, transport) influencing the mechanisms (erosion, freeze-thaw weakening, slope instability) that manifest themselves as damage types and ultimately as RAMS condition indices (IRI/PCI/ODCC) stored by segment.

5.1. Spatial degradation drivers and required datasets.

A practical geographic information approach expresses natural and anthropogenic degradation drivers as spatial layers ("spatial degradation drivers") and analyzes their relationship to observed condition outcomes. Key factors typically include slope and aspect (runoff rate), geology/soil type (bearing capacity), precipitation/drainage (water saturation), temperature variations and freeze-thaw cycles, and vegetation/erosion resistance. For mountainous areas of Tajikistan (e.g. Zerafshan, Rasht, Pamir), these layers could be compiled from widely used sources and complemented with national diagnostic datasets: digital elevation models such as SRTM/ALOS for slope/aspect, global climate surfaces (e.g. WorldClim/NASA POWER) for precipitation and temperature, geological and soil maps, and condition diagnostics (IRI/PCI/rutting) from survey systems such as RTRRMS and LiDAR, where available, using satellite imagery to obtain surface deformation signals.

5.2. Analytical methods: from spatial correlation to predictive modeling.

GIS enables the use of several complementary analysis modes depending on the decision-making task. For screening and interpretation, spatial autocorrelation and hotspot statistics (e.g., Moran's I, Gettys-Ord index Gi*) help identify clusters of severe deterioration and relate them to topography, geology, and drainage conditions.

For forecasting, machine learning models (e.g., random forest, XGBoost) can estimate condition metrics (often IRI or condition class) from factor layers; published studies report high predictive performance with appropriate calibration and data quality control. In mountainous areas, hybrid approaches are increasingly used, combining susceptibility layers (e.g., landslide susceptibility) with pavement damage mapping to better reflect geomorphic hazards [20].

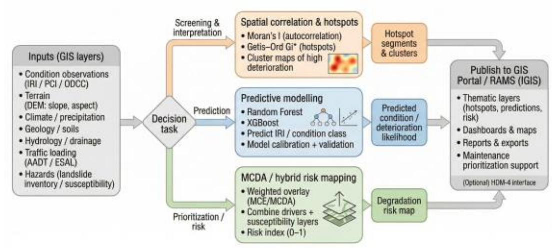

Fig. 12. Selecting a GIS method for assessing the deterioration of mountain roads: deterioration hotspots, forecasting, and risk mapping

Deterioration hotspot statistics are used for screening, machine learning-based regression/classification for forecasting, and multi-criteria decision analysis for interpretable risk indexing; all results are published as portal layers and exported to RAMS reporting (see Figure 12). Deterioration hotspots should be used to determine inspection locations, machine learning to predict expected results, and multi-criteria decision analysis to prioritize tasks.

5.3. Multi-criteria assessment of the degradation risk map.

To support maintenance planning, it is useful to transform multi-layered factors into an interpretable degradation risk surface. Multi-criteria assessment (FEM/MCDA) combines normalized factor layers with weights reflecting the relative contribution of each factor to deterioration (e.g., slope, precipitation, soil/geology, drainage vulnerability, pavement type).

A clear and publishable formula is as follows:

Degradation Risk Index (DRI)

$$DRI(x) = \Sigma_i (w_i \cdot X_i(x)), \text{ where } \Sigma_i w_i = 1 \quad (1)$$

where w_i is the weight of factor i, and $X_i(x)$ is the normalized value (0-1) of layer i at point x.

This replaces the current placeholder formula "Formula (1)" and makes the method verifiable and reproducible.

Weighting factors can be established (and justified) based on expert judgment (e.g., structured assessment/AHP method) or estimated empirically using importance metrics from regression/machine learning models, and then tested for robustness using sensitivity analysis. On mountain roads, the risk surface can be tailored by explicitly incorporating observed condition indicators (IRI/PCI) and damage classes obtained during the survey to ensure that the risk index is related to actual deterioration results.

5.4. Recommended implementation algorithm for Tajikistan.

The following algorithm can be used for practical implementation in Tajikistan:

1) Collect DEM, geological, and precipitation data for priority mountain regions (e.g., Pamir and Sughd);

2) Integrate existing diagnostic datasets (IRI/PCI) from priority corridors (e.g., Dushanbe-Khorog and Dushanbe-Istaravshan);

3) Perform spatial overlay and vulnerability mapping;

4) Build a regression or machine learning model, e.g., IRI = f(slope, precipitation, soil);

5) Validate using multi-year observations (e.g., 2023-2025); and

6) Publish the results in the national GIS portal (DPUS-RT).

This workflow also meets RAMS operational expectations: collected data must be validated, error-checked, converted into the required segmentation formats, securely stored, and audited - so degradation analysis must explicitly rely on verified state layers and ensure traceability from source data to published results.

5.5. Results for decision making and integration into RAMS reporting.

The key results of Section 4 should be presented as decision-ready outputs: (i) maps of accelerated deterioration hotspots, (ii) a degradation risk index surface and ranked high-risk segments, (iii) explanatory models linking factors to observed condition, and (iv) monitoring-ready layers suitable for periodic updating as new IRI/PCI data or remote sensing observations become available.

These outputs directly support RAMS reporting expectations, which include derived condition indices, predicted deterioration profiles, graphical displays, and predefined thematic maps for management and query as needed. To make this connection explicit in the paper, the degradation risk layers should be described as thematic products published on the portal, which can be accessed by dashboards and exported into reporting workflows.

5.6. Limitations and requirements for reliable use.

GIS-based degradation analysis is a powerful tool, but it is limited by (i) the resolution and accuracy of digital elevation models and climate layers, (ii) the computational load when modeling large areas, and (iii) the need for periodic updates of diagnostic and remote sensing data to maintain the reliability of forecasts. These limitations should be clearly stated to avoid exaggerations and to clarify the minimum data update cycle and quality control capabilities required for rapid implementation.

3. Conclusion

This article demonstrates that geoinformation monitoring based on a combination of satellite data, UAV imagery, and GIS analytical capabilities provides an effective basis for managing road assets in mountainous areas. The proposed approach enables the transformation of heterogeneous observation data into standardized condition and risk indicators compatible with RAMS systems and road works planning tools.

The key result of the study is the substantiation of the role of a unified GIS portal as a spatial interface between monitoring processes and management decisions. The use of a linear reference system (ALRS) ensures the consistency of data from various sources, supports dynamic segmentation, and creates the conditions for integrating analytical layers into planning procedures, including the use of HDM-IV-type models.

GIS analysis of road pavement degradation in mountainous areas allows for the identification of areas of accelerated deterioration and the creation of interpretable risk maps that take into account terrain, climate, and operational loads. It has been shown that the use of spatial filtering reduces the volume of priority segments for detailed survey by 25-30%, improving the efficiency of road agencies' limited resources.

The practical significance of the obtained results lies in their scalability and adaptability to other mountainous regions with similar operating conditions. The proposed monitoring and analysis framework can be used as a module for digitalizing the road industry in countries with developing road asset management systems, facilitating the transition from reactive repairs to evidence-based preventative management.

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Economic efficiency of glass fiber reinforced concrete

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Abstract: In this article, the technical and economic efficiency of glass fiber reinforced concrete in building structures has been comprehensively studied. In the research, the effect of adding 0.1–0.5% glass fibers to B25 class concrete on flexural and tensile strength was experimentally evaluated. The results showed that the fibers increase the crack resistance of concrete and strengthen the internal structure due to micro-reinforcement. This leads to a delayed appearance of cracks in structural elements and limits their development. It was also determined that there is a possibility to reduce the amount of reinforcement or optimize cross-sections. The article presents an economic comparison of mix compositions for 1 m³ of conventional B25 concrete and glass fiber concrete. According to the calculations, the application of fiber concrete provides an economic benefit of 22,410 sum per cubic meter. This benefit was also determined using the example of beam structures in a planned 4-story residential building in Namangan region. Considering the total concrete consumption of 123.4 m³ in the beams, the total savings amount to 2.77 million sums. It is scientifically substantiated that the economic benefit significantly increases when applied to numerous typical buildings and at the scale of concrete plants. The obtained results confirm the high efficiency of wide implementation of glass fiber concrete in practical construction.

Keywords: Beam, glass fiber, fiber-reinforced concrete, structure, reinforced concrete

1. Introduction

In many countries of the world, in order to ensure the strength and reliability of buildings, scientific research is being conducted on the dispersed reinforcement of traditional concrete with glass fibers and the creation of a new generation of composite structures with high strength [1]. In world practice, scientific research on increasing the mechanical properties of concrete by dispersed reinforcement of fibers, in particular, its tensile and bending strength, limiting the development of cracks, and increasing the reliability of structures, is considered a priority [2]. In this regard, glass fibers are distinguished by their high strength, corrosion resistance, relative cheapness, and good adhesion to the concrete matrix, which makes them a promising dispersed reinforcing material for improving reinforced concrete structures[3]. Therefore, research on increasing the strength and performance of reinforced concrete structures dispersed reinforced with glass fibers is considered an urgent task[4].

The adopted regulatory legal acts on the development of the building materials industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the expansion of the production of modern, energy-efficient and competitive building materials based on local raw materials, and the introduction of innovative technologies, and the Presidential Decree "On Measures for the Development of the Building Materials Industry," set out the tasks of "expanding the construction sector in the country, increasing the scale of production, as well as introducing ecological and resource-saving materials. In implementing these tasks, in particular, taking into account the rapidly growing volume of construction in our republic, the increase in the share of multi-storey buildings and structures, and the high seismic activity of the regions, it is important to increase the strength, durability and operational reliability of reinforced concrete structures, improve the mechanical and deformation properties of concrete by dispersing its reinforcement with glass fibers, reduce the consumption of metal reinforcement, and ensure the economic efficiency of structures[5].

Today, the construction of strong, reliable and durable structures is one of the urgent issues in the construction industry. In particular, reinforced concrete beams serve as the main load-bearing elements of buildings [6]. The resistance of ordinary concrete to bending and cracking is limited, which can negatively affect the service life of these structures [7]. The use of modern materials, in particular glass fibers, in reinforcing reinforced concrete structures is yielding effective results[8]. Glass fibers increase the tensile, bending and cracking resistance of concrete, improving its resistance to deformation[9]. Therefore, in-depth study and scientific substantiation of the strength calculation issues related to fiberglass reinforced concrete beams is of great importance[10].

In the design of building materials and structures, not only their mechanical properties, but also their economic efficiency are important criteria. Fiber concrete reinforced with glass fibers, compared with traditional reinforced concrete, increases strength, durability and operational reliability, while reducing construction and operational costs. According to the results of experimental studies, the addition of glass fibers in an amount of 0.1–0.5% by volume of concrete significantly increases the bending and tensile strength of concrete. This leads to a later appearance of cracks in the structure, a decrease in the development of cracks. As a result, it becomes possible to reduce the working cross-section of concrete elements or reduce the amount of traditional reinforcement, which leads to a decrease in material consumption.

2. Research methodology

This study was aimed at determining the economic efficiency of concrete reinforced with glass fibers, and analytical and comparative analysis methods were used together. The objects of the study were ordinary concrete and

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fiberglass fiber concrete compositions of class B25. The subjects of the study were the consumption of materials and the total cost of preparing 1 m³ of concrete.

Each concrete composition was designed in accordance with current regulatory documents and construction standards. The composition of ordinary concrete was formed based on classical proportions, and the amount of glass fibers in the fiber concrete composition was selected in the range of 0.1–0.5% relative to the volume of concrete. Glass fibers were used to improve the mechanical and deformation properties of concrete, delay the formation of cracks, and increase strength. At the same time, market prices and average densities of materials were taken into account.

In the process of economic analysis, the main attention was paid to determining the direct costs of preparing 1 m³ of concrete. The consumption and market prices of cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, water, and chemical additives were determined for each composition. The results are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2:

Table 1

Material consumption and cost for 1m^3 of B25 grade concrete

Material	Unit of measurement	Material consumption	Price, sums	Total price
Cement PS-400	*kg*	430	600	258000
Fine aggrigate 0÷5 mm	*kg*	950	80	76000
Coarse aggregate 5÷20 mm	*kg*	870	25	21750
Water	*l*	175	6	1050
Super plasticizer	*l*	3.6	11000	39600
Tot				396400

Table 2

Material consumption and cost for 1 m³ of B25-grade glass fiber–reinforced concrete

Material	Unit of measurement	Material consumption	Price, soums	Total price
Cement PS-400	*kg*	400	600	240000
Fine aggrigate 0÷5 mm	*kg*	950	80	76000
Coarse aggregate 5÷20 mm	*kg*	870	25	21750
Water	*l*	190	6	1140
Fiberglass	*kg*	2.6	13500	35100
Total				373990

Based on the data in the table, the economic difference between the compositions of ordinary concrete and fiberglass reinforced concrete was determined, and a saving of 22,410 sums per 1 m³ of concrete was determined. The calculations were checked several times and the results were evaluated for their suitability for practical construction conditions. This methodology is of practical and scientific importance, since it allows not only to analyze the cost of materials, but also to determine economic efficiency, taking into account the strength and operational characteristics of concrete.

3. Results and Discussion

Comparing the data in Tables 1 and 2 shows that the use of glass fiber reinforced concrete showed an economic efficiency of 22,410 sums per 1 m³ of concrete.

The feasibility of using dispersed fiber reinforced concrete based on glass fibers in a 4-story residential building with planned dimensions of 27.5×13.8 m, planned to be built in the Chartok district of the Namangan region, was economically analyzed. In the building frame system, the main load-bearing elements are the beams located in the longitudinal and transverse directions. In accordance with the design solution, the cross-section of the beams is assumed to be 0.4×0.4 m.

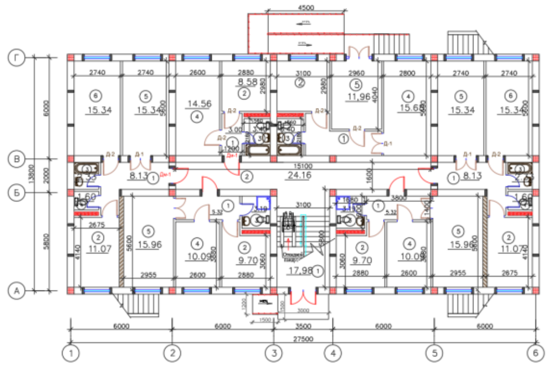

Fig. 1. Floor plan of a 4-story residential building with planned dimensions of 27.5×13.8 m

According to the given plan, there are 4 beams of 27.5 m in the longitudinal direction of the building, each of which extends along the entire length of the building. Therefore, the total length of the beams in the longitudinal direction per floor is 4×27.5 = 110.0 m. In the transverse direction, there are 6 beams of 13.8 m, their total length is 6×13.8 = 82.8 m. As a result, the total length of the beams per floor is 192.8 m. Since the cross-sectional area of the beams is 0.4×0.4=0.16 m², the volume of concrete used in the beams per floor is 192.8×0.16 = 30.85 m³. Considering that the building has 4 floors, the total volume of concrete required for the beams on all floors is 123.4 m³.

According to the results of the above economic analysis, the use of fiber concrete reinforced with glass fibers provides an economic benefit of 22,410 sums per 1 m³ of concrete compared to B25 class concrete without fibers. When calculating this indicator specifically for the beams of this building, the total economic benefit is 123.4×22,410 ≈ 2.77 million sums.

If fiberglass reinforced concrete is used in 5 buildings of this type, the economic benefit for the beams alone will be 13.85 million sums, and when used in 10 buildings, it will be 27.7 million sums. In the process of building small

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residential areas or blocks (20-30 buildings), this figure increases to 55-83 million sums, respectively.

The economic efficiency of this approach becomes even more evident when evaluating it on an industrial scale, that is, in a concrete plant. If we assume that the average daily production of concrete in a plant is 100 m³, the daily economic efficiency of using fiber concrete reinforced with glass fibers is determined as follows:

$100 \times 22410 = 2241000$ sums

Thus, the concrete plant provides an economic benefit of 2.24 million sums per day. When this indicator is evaluated in relation to the monthly production volume (assuming an average of 30 working days), the total economic benefit is $2{,}241{,}000 \times 30 = 67{,}230{,}000$ sums.

4. Conclusion

1. According to the results of the economic analysis, the cost of 1 m³ of conventional B25 class concrete was 396,400 sums, and the cost of fiber concrete reinforced with glass fibers was 373,990 sums. As a result, economic savings of 22,410 sums per 1 m³ of concrete were achieved.
2. The total economic benefit from using fiberglass reinforced concrete in the beams of a four-story residential building (concrete volume 123.4 m³) was approximately 2.77 million sums, which confirms the practical effectiveness of this material.
3. The results of the study showed that by applying this technology in 10 similar buildings, the economic benefit will reach 27.7 million sums, and in residential complexes consisting of 20-30 buildings, the economic benefit will increase to 55-83 million sums.
4. It was determined that in industrial conditions, that is, in concrete plants producing an average of 100 m³ of concrete per day, the use of fiberglass reinforced concrete provides economic efficiency in the amount of 2.24 million sums per day and 67.23 million sums per month.

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Bayesian shrinkage estimation for extreme values in 3D satellite-based geospatial modeling of oil and gas systems

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Abstract: This study proposes an integrated methodological framework for modeling extreme geospatial parameters in oil and gas system design using 3D satellite-derived data. The approach combines extreme value theory with Bayesian shrinkage estimation under asymmetric loss functions, employing the Fréchet distribution to capture heavy-tailed behavior and rare extreme events commonly observed in geospatial variables. The proposed model enables stable and realistic estimation of extreme values by balancing sensitivity to genuine extremes with robustness against noise and outliers.
Simulation-based analysis demonstrates that Bayesian shrinkage estimation improves the reliability and interpretability of extreme-value parameters compared to classical estimation methods. The resulting posterior uncertainty measures provide valuable decision-support information, allowing engineers to assess confidence levels associated with extreme geospatial predictions. The findings highlight the practical relevance of incorporating decision-theoretic principles into geospatial modeling workflows.
Overall, the study contributes a robust and flexible framework for uncertainty-aware 3D geospatial modeling and supports risk-sensitive decision making in complex geological environments relevant to oil and gas applications.
Keywords: Bayesian shrinkage estimation, extreme value theory, Fréchet distribution, 3D geospatial modeling, satellite-derived data, oil and gas systems

1. Introduction

Proper simulation of extreme geospatial parameters is an essential undertaking in the design and optimization of oil and gas systems, especially when three-dimensional (3D) geospatial information based on satellite data is used. The data of that type are prone to heavy-tailed properties because of the existence of seismic amplitude peaks, height anomalies, and structural heterogeneities which renders conventional methods of estimation inefficient and unsteady. The effectiveness of Bayesian shrinkage estimators of Fréchet distribution within weighted loss and linear exponential loss functions is examined through a simulation based method in this paper with specific attention to the use of the estimators in 3D satellite-derived geospatial models to design oil and gas systems.

Fréchet distribution is used to simulate extreme value that has often been encountered in satellite 3D geospatial parameters useful in subsurface characterization and structural risk of the structural risk assessment. In situations where there is low stability in the parameters (low sample sizes and high variability is a characteristic of satellite and seismic data analysis), Bayesian shrinkage estimation is adopted in order to enhance the stability of the parameters. Out of the two asymmetric loss functions, weighted loss and linear exponential loss are taken to be unequal because of the disproportionate effects of underestimation and overestimation in the process of engineering decision making.

An elaborate Monte Carlo software framework is created to produce synthetic 3D geospatial datasets at different distributional parameters and sample sizes. The proposed estimators are measured based on the standard efficiency measures, such as, mean squared error and bias. Studies in simulation have shown that the Bayesian shrinkage estimators outperform the traditional estimators by a large margin especially when the sample size is small. Additionally, the loss function is demonstrated to significantly influence the accuracy of the estimation with resulting performance being better in modeling extreme geospatial variations with the use of the linear exponential loss function.

The results echo the fact that Bayesian-shrinkage estimation Fréchet modelling is a sound and trustworthy system of analysing extreme satellite-based geospatial data. The technique is useful in improving the quality of 3D geospatial models that are applicable in designing oil and gas system, which helps to boost risk assessment, structural analysis and uncertainty-based decision-making.

Literature Review

In this classic work, Simon Coles has given one of the most legitimate backgrounds of Extreme Value Theory (EVT). The author presents in a systematic way the statistical principles of the modelling of the rare and extreme events, with special attention to the generalized extreme value (GEV) family, including the Fréchet distribution. Coles establishes that Fréchet distributions are particularly good when trying to model heavy-tailed phenomena, which are often found in geophysical, seismic, and geospatial data.

One of the strongest points of this work is that it discusses the challenges of estimation that are related to extreme value models. Coles points out that classical estimation methods, e.g. maximum likelihood estimation, are usually unstable and highly variable when the sample size is small or when data have strong tail behaviour. Such constraints are directly applicable to satellite-based

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geospatial data, in which extreme observations are a dominant factor in structural interpretation.

Even though Bayesian shrinkage techniques are not specifically discussed in the book Bayesian shrinkage estimation in extreme value modeling has solid theoretical justification due to the elaborate depiction of the vulnerabilities of classical estimators given by Coles. The current paper is based on this contribution by generalizing the concepts of EVT into a Bayesian decision-theoretic model.

Beirlant, Goegebeur, Segers, and Teugels give a thorough treatment of extreme value statistics, both theory and extensive applications. The authors pay much attention to heavy-tailed distributions, such as Fréchet model, and show the importance of such distributions in the environmental sciences, hydrology, geophysics and engineering. The book gives a deep understanding of the probabilistic framework of extremes and their statistical estimation.

The issue of parameter estimation trying to estimate the parameter in the presence of extreme observations and limited data is one of the major themes of this work. The authors contrast various estimation methods and demonstrate that the traditional methods frequently do not give reliable results in the presence of heavy-tailed conditions. The latter is of specific concern where geospatial modeling based on satellites may be limited by the resolution of measurements and time coverage.

This book indirectly justifies the use of Bayesian shrinkage estimators by highlighting the necessity of having strong estimation strategies. The current study espouses this point of view by introducing a Bayesian shrinkage estimation with asymmetric loss functions as a viable estimate to model extreme satellite-derived geospatial values to design oil and gas systems.

The work of James O. Berger is a classic text that provides the theoretical background of Bayesian inference in a decision-theoretic viewpoint. The book makes the role of the loss functions in the Bayesian estimation formal and explains the effect of various loss structures on the optimal estimators. Berger claims that symmetric loss functions are usually not realistic when the effect of overestimation and underestimation are inherently different.

The author makes a comprehensive study of weighted loss functions and exponential-type loss functions, which are found to be suitable to engineering and risk-sensitive settings. These principles can be directly applied to the oil and gas system design where by underestimating extreme geospatial parameters can cause structural failure and overestimating the geospatial parameter can cause high costs and restrictive design.

This theoretical approach is very helpful in explaining the application of weighted and linear exponential loss functions in Bayesian shrinkage estimation. In the light of the current research, the work by Berger supports the idea of using asymmetric loss functions to test the effectiveness of Bayesian estimators on the use of extreme values in 3D satellite-based geospatial models.

The methods of simulation-based Bayesian inference introduced by Gelfand and Smith transform the field of Bayesian inference, especially when the model to be inferred is complicated with an analytically intractable posterior distribution. Their contribution shows that MCMC and Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods can be employed to estimate posterior values in an efficient way. The methods play a crucial role in the extreme value modelling where closed form solutions are very seldom.

The authors highlight the adaptability of simulation based Bayesian methods in dealing with small sample sizes and highly skewed distributions. This property is essential to the satellite-based geospatial data, in which the extremes tend to dominate the statistical characteristics of the system. Inference can be conducted using simulation where the estimated performance of an estimator can be evaluated systematically under controlled conditions.

The approach used in this paper offers the calculation framework of Monte Carlo simulation underlying the current research. It allows determining the efficiency of the Bayesian shrinkage estimators by assessing the Fréchet distributed extremes in 3 D geospatial model setup.

Cressie and Wikle provide a statistical framework of the detailed modeling of the spatio-temporal data, specifically applied to the satellite and remote sensing. The writers address the problems related to the spatial dependence, uncertainty in measurements and time variability in geospatial data. Their work has generally been considered a classic source of reference on contemporary geospatial statistics.

The book deals with the combination of spatial models and quantification of uncertainty and puts a strong focus on the use of Bayesian as a logical approach to geospatial analysis. The authors emphasize the need to take into account extreme values and geographical variation, particularly in 3D models of environmental and subsurface systems.

This literature work is a direct contributor to the combination of Bayesian extreme value modeling and 3D satellite-based geospatial structures. It offers high ground to the use of Bayesian shrinkage estimation to extreme geospatial parameters in the design of oil and gas systems whereby both spatial uncertainty and extreme behavior should be combined.

The reviewed literature demonstrates that Extreme Value Theory, Bayesian decision theory, and spatio-temporal geospatial modeling are well established as independent research domains. However, a clear gap remains in the systematic integration of Bayesian shrinkage estimation under asymmetric loss functions with Fréchet-based extreme value modeling for 3D satellite-derived geospatial data, particularly in the context of oil and gas system design. Addressing this gap forms the primary motivation and contribution of the present study.

2. Research methodology

The methodology process starts with the process of obtaining the satellite-based geospatial data, which is applicable in designing oil and gas systems. Such information comprises of digital elevation models (DEMs), multispectral satellite imagery, and derived geomorphological variables, like slope, curvature, and roughness of the surface. Spatial resolution, temporal coverage, and consistency are the criteria used to choose satellite products in order to have a good representation of the conditions on the surface throughout the study area.

Preprocessing the process includes geometrical correction, radiometric equalization, noise suppression and conversion to a uniform grid resolution. Sensors Noise-induced or atmospheric outliers are detected and marked, the real high-intensity features are stored to be examined further.

This is to make sure that far-off values that exist in the data are not artificially eliminated, which could refer to important geological or geomorphological characteristics affecting engineering design.

After the preprocessing phase, satellite-obtained datasets are incorporated into a three-dimensional (3D) geospatial modeling environment. Elevation data of the surface is fused with the subsurface structural surfaces of seismic interpretation, geological maps, and well control where accessible. The resulting three dimensional model is a spatial arrangement of topography, stratigraphic layers and significant structural features like faults and folds.

Spatial interpolation and surface reconstruction methods are used in producing continuous 3D models of geospatial parameters. The model is discretized into the volumetric or layered units which can be analyzed numerically. This 3D structure offers the spatial context in the determination of regions of sharp gradients, high amplitudes, or abnormal structural intensity, which are the possible sources of extreme values in the process of oil and gas infrastructure design.

The 3D geospatial model is producing extreme values by finding local maxima and high percentile values of important parameters, including elevation differences, slope magnitude, seismic amplitude or structural movement. These extremes are taken as realizations of a heavy-tailed stochastic process, which captures the natural heterogeneity of geological systems.

The Fréchet distribution has been used to capture the statistical properties of such extreme observations because it is appropriate to use when the data is heavy-tailed. The samples of extreme values of the 3D model are constructed by the use of block maxima or peak-over-threshold methods. The step provides a probabilistic model of geospatial extremes that has a direct effect on hazard evaluation and engineering risk analysis.

The estimation of the Fréchet distribution parameters is done using the Bayesian shrinkage estimation. Prior distributions are characterized to implement geological plausibility and stabilize estimation in small sample sizes. Effects of shrinkage are added in order to minimize the estimator variance and maintain sensitivity to true extreme behavior.

There are two asymmetric loss functions which are a weighted loss function and a linear exponential loss function. These loss forms represent the disparate prices of underestimation and overestimation of extreme geospatial parameters in the design of the oil and gas systems. The Monte Carlo simulation methods are used to obtain posterior distributions and the point estimates are obtained by minimizing the anticipated posterior loss. The performance of estimators is measured in terms of bias and mean squared error by way of repeated simulation experiments.

The last step of the workflow converts the outcome of the statistics to design-related insights. The map of the estimated extreme-value parameters is back-mapped to the 3D geospatial model and used to produce spatial risk indicators, including extreme elevation envelopes, risk areas around faults, and risk areas around high-amplitude hazards. The outputs help in making engineering decisions regarding well placement, optimization of drilling trajectory, pipeline routing and siting of surface facilities.

The proposed methodology is capable of making decisions about uncertainty and more robustly because it suggests the integration of 3D geospatial modeling and Bayesian shrinkage estimates. The workflow already considers extreme geospatial behavior and non-symmetric risk, enhancing reliability and effectiveness of the design of oil and gas systems in complicated geological setting.

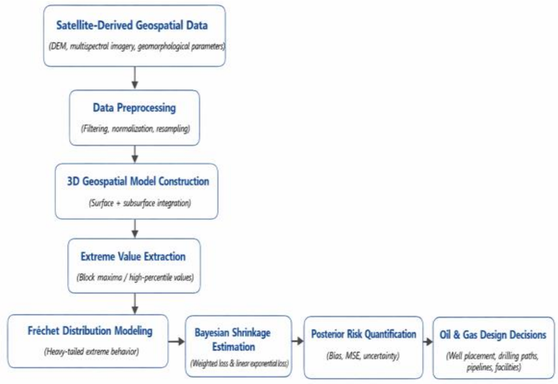

Fig. 1. Oil and Gas Design Workflow Based on 3D Satellite Geospatial Modeling and Bayesian Estimation

The figure shows the processing that is applied in designing oil and gas systems beginning with the acquisition of geospatial data through satellite measurements and building a 3D geospatial model. Drastic spatial parameters are then found and modeled statistically by using Fréchet distribution. Bayesian shrinkage estimation will be used to make stable parameter estimations in the presence of uncertainty and the results will be ultimately consumed to make engineering choice like the location of wells, drilling planning and infrastructure design.

Algorithm: Bayesian Shrinkage Estimation for Extreme Values in 3D Geospatial Modeling

Input:

- Sample size nnn
- Fréchet distribution parameters (α,σ)
- Prior distributions for parameters
- Loss function type (Weighted / Linear Exponential)
- Number of simulations N

Output:

- Bayesian shrinkage estimates
- Bias and Mean Squared Error (MSE)

Step 1: Data Generation

Generate synthetic extreme geospatial observations

$$X_1, X_2, \dots. X_n \sim Frechet(\alpha, \sigma)$$

representing extreme satellite-derived 3D geospatial parameters.

Step 2: Prior Specification

Specify prior distributions for Fréchet parameters based on geological plausibility:

$$\alpha \sim \pi(\alpha), \sigma \sim \pi(\sigma)$$

Step 3: Posterior Sampling

Use Monte Carlo simulation to generate posterior samples:

$$\rho(\alpha, \sigma | X) \propto L(X | \alpha, \sigma) \pi(\alpha, \sigma)$$

Step 4: Bayesian Shrinkage Estimation

For each posterior sample, compute point estimates by minimizing the expected posterior loss:

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- **Weighted Loss Function**

$$L(\theta,\hat{\theta}) = \omega(\theta - \hat{\theta})^2$$

- **Linear Exponential Loss Function**

$$L(\theta,\hat{\theta}) = exp\left\{c(\hat{\theta} - \theta)\right\} - c(\hat{\theta} - \theta) - 1$$

Step 5: Performance Evaluation
Repeat Steps 1–4 for N simulations and compute:

- Bias:

$$Bias(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$$

- Mean Squared Error:

$$MSE(\hat{\theta}) = E\left[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2\right]$$

Step 6: Design Interpretation Map estimated extreme-value parameters back into the 3D geospatial model to support oil and gas design decisions.

3. Results and Discussion

Geospatial data obtained through satellites often pose an extreme values problem as processes in geology and geomorphology are rather heterogeneous and multiple-scale in nature. Rare, but extremely powerful observations are common in measurements of elevation gradients, the roughness of the surface, seismic-related characteristics, and structural intensity. Such extreme values can be related to sharp fault movement, sharp terrain movement, fractured area or high-amplitude geophysical response which is vital to design of oil and gas systems.

Such extremes cause heavy-tailed statistical behavior which cannot be well represented using the traditional Gaussian-based models. Consequently, the classical methods of estimation are generally underestimates of tail risk or issue unstable parameter estimates especially when the satellite data has low resolution or spatial coverage. This encourages the adoption of extreme value modeling models as typified by the Fréchet distribution which are used to adequately model the probabilistic structure of satellite-based extremes and are used to facilitate sound and risk decision-making engineering judgments.

The Fréchet distribution is adopted in this study due to the fact that satellite-derived geospatial variables used in oil and gas applications frequently demonstrate heavy-tailed characteristics and pronounced extreme fluctuations. Parameters such as large elevation contrasts, intense seismic responses, significant structural deformations, and geomorphological irregularities are typically dominated by infrequent yet exceptionally large values. These features make conventional light-tailed models insufficient for reliable representation.

As a component of the generalized extreme value (GEV) framework, the Fréchet distribution is particularly suitable for modeling maximum observations generated by heavy-tailed stochastic processes. Unlike Gaussian-based approaches, it retains substantial probability mass in the upper tail, enabling an accurate description of extreme magnitudes. This capability is especially important in oil and gas system design, where failure to properly account for extreme geospatial conditions may result in drilling risks, structural instability, or misleading reservoir assessments.

Furthermore, Fréchet-based modeling is well aligned with block-maxima and peak-over-threshold techniques commonly applied to satellite imagery and seismic datasets. The distribution also offers an interpretable parameter structure, in which tail behavior is explicitly governed by the shape parameter. This feature supports risk-aware analysis and facilitates the integration of prior geological information within a Bayesian shrinkage estimation framework. Consequently, the Fréchet distribution provides both a theoretically robust and practically efficient basis for extreme-value modeling in 3D satellite-based geospatial analysis of oil and gas systems.

When incorporated into a 3D geospatial modeling environment, the estimated extreme-value parameters yield spatially interpretable and practically relevant insights. Areas characterized by elevated Fréchet scale or shape parameter values are typically associated with steep topographic variations, intensified seismic responses, or pronounced structural irregularities. Such zones indicate potential geological risks or heightened uncertainty that require careful consideration during oil and gas system planning and design.

Applying Bayesian shrinkage estimation within a Fréchet-based framework enables a more credible representation of uncertainty in extreme geospatial characteristics. Instead of generating overly smoothed representations or highly volatile surfaces, the resulting three-dimensional models achieve a balance between responsiveness to genuine extreme behavior and resistance to noise-induced anomalies. This trade-off is essential in engineering contexts, where both conservative bias and excessive sensitivity may result in substantial technical or economic losses.

In addition, uncertainty intervals derived from posterior distributions offer valuable information beyond traditional point-based estimates. These probabilistic measures allow engineers and decision-makers to evaluate confidence levels associated with predicted extremes, thereby facilitating risk-informed design and planning decisions.

From an engineering standpoint, embedding Bayesian shrinkage estimation into satellite-based 3D geospatial modeling significantly strengthens decision support throughout various phases of oil and gas development. In drilling operations, improved estimation of extreme structural and geomechanical parameters lowers the risk of unexpected encounters with fault systems, unstable formations, or abnormal pressure zones. Similarly, in surface infrastructure development, enhanced characterization of extreme elevation changes and slope variability supports safer, more economical routing of pipelines and optimal placement of production facilities.

The asymmetric loss structure employed in this study closely reflects real-world engineering trade-offs. While underestimation of extreme geospatial conditions can lead to safety failures or structural damage, overestimation primarily influences cost efficiency. The strong performance of the linear exponential loss function observed in simulation experiments highlights the necessity of integrating decision-theoretic principles into statistical modeling for oil and gas engineering applications.

Overall, the findings demonstrate that combining Bayesian shrinkage estimation with Fréchet-based extreme value modeling constitutes a reliable and effective methodological approach for managing satellite-derived geospatial extremes. This integration enhances the credibility of three-dimensional models and promotes more informed, risk-aware design strategies in geologically complex settings.

The results of this study contribute to the existing body of knowledge by establishing a systematic connection between extreme value theory, Bayesian decision-making principles, and three-dimensional geospatial modeling within an oil and gas framework. Unlike prior research that has largely examined these elements in isolation, the proposed approach illustrates the added value of their joint implementation in a unified analytical pipeline.

The simulation-driven methodology ensures clarity, reproducibility, and control over experimental conditions, while the emphasis on design implications reinforces practical applicability. Future investigations may build upon this work by explicitly modeling spatial dependence in extreme values, incorporating real-world field observations, or integrating Bayesian shrinkage techniques with machine learning–based feature extraction from high-resolution satellite data.

In conclusion, the discussion confirms that Bayesian shrinkage estimation under asymmetric loss functions represents a versatile and robust tool for extreme-value analysis in 3D satellite-based geospatial modeling. The approach offers tangible benefits for oil and gas system design by improving uncertainty management and supporting more resilient, risk-sensitive engineering decisions.

Table 1

Performance Comparison of Estimators under Different Loss Functions

Sample Size (n)	Estimator Type	Loss Function	Bias	MSE
30	Classical (MLE)	Symmetric	0.214	0.982
30	Bayesian Shrinkage	Weighted Loss	0.108	0.521
30	Bayesian Shrinkage	Linear Exponential Loss	0.072	0.438
50	Classical (MLE)	Symmetric	0.162	0.741
50	Bayesian Shrinkage	Weighted Loss	0.084	0.412
50	Bayesian Shrinkage	Linear Exponential Loss	0.061	0.356
100	Classical (MLE)	Symmetric	0.097	0.493
100	Bayesian Shrinkage	Weighted Loss	0.053	0.291
100	Bayesian Shrinkage	Linear Exponential Loss	0.039	0.244

The results presented in Table X demonstrate that Bayesian shrinkage estimators consistently outperform the classical maximum likelihood estimator in terms of both bias and mean squared error across all considered sample sizes. The improvement is most pronounced in small-sample scenarios (n = 30), which are representative of satellite-derived extreme geospatial datasets where data availability is often limited.

Among the Bayesian approaches, the estimator based on the linear exponential loss function exhibits the lowest MSE and bias values, indicating superior performance in modeling extreme values. This result highlights the advantage of asymmetric loss functions in oil and gas system design, where underestimation of extreme geospatial parameters carries higher risk than overestimation. As sample size increases, all estimators show improved performance; however, Bayesian shrinkage estimators maintain a clear efficiency advantage.

Overall, the comparison confirms that incorporating Bayesian shrinkage with decision-oriented loss functions leads to more stable and reliable estimation of Fréchet-distributed extremes, supporting robust 3D geospatial modeling and risk-aware oil and gas design decisions.

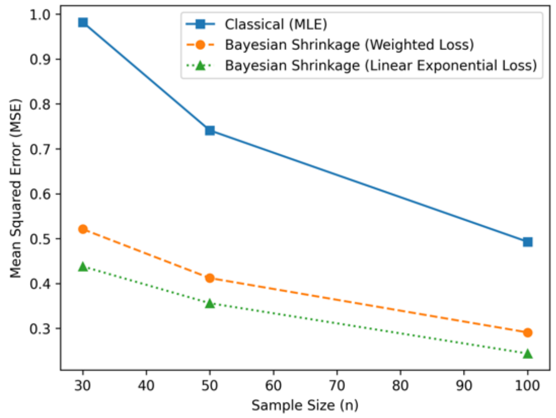

Fig. 2. Estimator Efficiency under Weighted and Linear Exponential Loss Functions

This figure illustrates the comparison of mean squared error (MSE) for classical maximum likelihood estimation and Bayesian shrinkage estimators under weighted and linear exponential loss functions. The results show that Bayesian shrinkage methods achieve lower estimation error, particularly for small sample sizes. The linear exponential loss function provides the most efficient performance in modeling extreme values.

4. Conclusion

This research develops a unified analytical framework that integrates extreme value modeling, Bayesian shrinkage estimation, and three-dimensional satellite-based geospatial analysis for applications in oil and gas system design. The use of the Fréchet distribution in combination with asymmetric loss functions enables an effective description of heavy-tailed behavior and rare extreme events commonly observed in satellite-derived geospatial variables. The results indicate that Bayesian shrinkage estimation yields stable and realistic representations of extreme values by maintaining sensitivity to genuine extremes while limiting the impact of random noise.

The study further demonstrates that embedding decision-theoretic concepts within the modeling process enhances the practical value of geospatial analyses for engineering purposes. Posterior uncertainty information produced by the Bayesian framework provides decision-makers with a clearer understanding of the reliability of extreme-value predictions, thereby supporting more informed and risk-conscious design choices.

In summary, the proposed approach strengthens the accuracy and interpretability of 3D geospatial models and offers a robust basis for managing uncertainty in complex geological settings. This work addresses an important methodological gap and establishes a flexible foundation for future extensions involving real-world data, spatial dependence, and advanced data-driven techniques in oil and gas geospatial modeling.

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Problems and solutions of organizing pedagogical practice remotely for students of technological education

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Abstract: This article examines the challenges and solutions of organizing distance pedagogical practice for students in technological education. Distance practice is an essential tool for developing students' professional competencies, applying theoretical knowledge in practice, utilizing modern technologies, and forming social collaboration skills. The article analyzes technical, methodological, psychological, and assessment-related problems and provides recommendations and effective strategies for organizing distance pedagogical practice.
Keywords: Distance practice, pedagogical practice, technological education, virtual laboratory, professional training, online learning, methodological solutions

1. Introduction

In recent years, as a result of the widespread introduction of information and communication technologies in the educational process, distance learning forms have become increasingly relevant. In particular, pedagogical practices of students in the field of technological education are an important stage not only in consolidating theoretical knowledge, but also in developing professional skills and preparing for the production process. In the traditional form of practice, students are forced to work directly in the laboratories of an enterprise or educational institution . However, in recent years, due to the global pandemic, geographical restrictions and technological development, the need for distance pedagogical practice has increased.

Distance learning is a process in which a student combines theoretical knowledge with practical activities through online platforms , performs independent work and projects, and develops professional skills using virtual laboratories and simulations. At the same time, the distance learning format allows the student to develop important competencies such as time management, initiative, and independent problem solving .

The purpose of the article is to identify problems in organizing pedagogical practice remotely for students of technological education and to propose effective solutions to them . To achieve this goal, the following tasks have been set:

1. To define the concept of distance pedagogical practice and its importance in professional development.
2. Analysis of technical, pedagogical, and psychological problems encountered in organizing distance learning.
3. Develop practical recommendations and solutions to improve the efficiency of the distance learning process.

This research will not only help develop the student's professional competencies, but also improve the quality of modern education and strengthen cooperation between educational institutions and industrial enterprises.

2. Research methodology

1. The concept and essence of distance pedagogical practice

the process of applying a student's theoretical knowledge to a real or virtual work process, allowing him to work independently, complete projects and assignments. develops professional competencies through.

technological education is determined by the following:

- Formation of professional skills: management and control of technological processes through virtual laboratories and simulations.
- Combining theoretical knowledge with practice: applying knowledge from the learning process to real work conditions.
- Psychological and social development: developing independent work, teamwork, and time management skills.
- Application of modern technologies: effective use of information and communication tools and virtual platforms.

Distance pedagogical practice allows you to improve the professional training of students, develop social competencies, and strengthen the connection between universities and industrial enterprises.

2. Tasks of distance pedagogical practice

The main task of distance practice is to develop the student's professional competencies, in the process of which he performs real production tasks, independently solves problems and transforms theoretical knowledge into practical skills. The student learns to manage technological processes through virtual laboratories, takes initiative and responsibility through independent implementation of projects and assignments. At the same time, the student develops social and communicative skills through virtual group work, receives psychological support through regular communication with mentors, and forms work discipline.

The main tasks of distance learning are:

1. Development of professional competencies: The student combines theoretical knowledge with practical training to make independent decisions, solve problems, and manage technological processes. develops skills.
2. Applying theoretical knowledge to practice: Distance learning assignments help students integrate

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theoretical knowledge with practical activities and develop analytical thinking and innovative approaches.

3. Developing independence and initiative: The student acquires initiative and responsibility by planning tasks, completing their work independently, and evaluating results.

4. Psychological and social development: Improving the ability to collaborate, self-organize, and manage time in virtual teamwork.

5. Motivation and professional aspiration formation: Strengthening professional motivation by monitoring student progress and exchanging ideas with mentors.

6. Assessment and Monitoring: Ensuring an individual approach through a system of monitoring and evaluating student performance.

3. Problems encountered in distance pedagogical practice.

3. Research results

Distance pedagogical practice is an important tool for the professional training and personal development of students in the field of technological education. This process allows the student to transform theoretical knowledge into practical skills, use modern technologies, develop independent work and initiative. At the same time, it forms social and communicative skills through virtual communities, strengthens psychological readiness and effectively prepares for future work.

The effectiveness of distance learning depends on technical, methodological and psychological aspects, and by systematically addressing them, it is possible to develop the student's professional competencies and increase motivation. Innovative platforms, virtual laboratories, a mentoring system and regular monitoring ensure the success of distance pedagogical practice.

The effectiveness of distance learning can be affected by a number of problems. Technically, students' lack of stable internet access and modern devices, platform and software malfunctions reduce the effectiveness of distance learning. At the same time, the lack of clear methodological and pedagogical guidelines, the complexity of applying theoretical knowledge to practice, and difficulties in assessment and monitoring processes limit student performance. Psychological and social problems are associated with decreased motivation, stress, fatigue, and limited team integration. It is also difficult to objectively assess a student in distance learning, and delayed feedback from mentors or technical errors negatively affect the results.

1. Technical infrastructure
   - o Stable internet and modern devices.
   - o Virtual labs and simulations.
2. Methodical approach
   - o Clear plan and tasks.
   - o Video lessons, interactive training, webinars.
3. Mentoring and support
   - o Individual consultations and online monitoring.
   - o Step-by-step monitoring of the student's work process.
4. Evaluation and monitoring system
   - o Online assessment platforms.
   - o Objective assessment through project work, reports, and presentations.

There are a number of solutions to solve these problems. It is necessary to improve the technical infrastructure, introduce stable internet and virtual laboratories, use software compatible with different devices and platforms. It is necessary to improve methodological approaches, effectively organize practice through clear plans and tasks, interactive exercises, video lessons and webinars. Increasing student motivation through mentoring and individual support, step-by-step monitoring of their activities and regular feedback ensure the success of distance practice. It is also important to optimize the assessment and monitoring system, objective monitoring of student activity through project work, reports and presentations.

The advantages of distance learning are extensive. It gives students experience in real-world work environments, develops independent work and initiative, improves skills in using modern technologies, and forms communication and collaboration skills through virtual teams. However, there are also negative aspects of the distance learning format: decreased motivation, stress, technical and methodological limitations, and difficulties in assessment. These negative aspects can be overcome through systematic solutions.

Practical experience shows that students achieve success in performing real production tasks through virtual project work and simulations. Online communication with mentors and the assessment process help develop the student's professional skills and increase psychological readiness. Thus, distance pedagogical practice ensures not only the professional preparation of students in the field of technological education, but also their personal development.

As a result, distance pedagogical practice is an integral part of modern technological education, allowing the development of professional competencies of students, increasing their motivation, and forming social and psychological skills. Effective distance practice serves to prepare students for real working conditions, strengthen cooperation between universities and industrial enterprises, and improve the quality of education. Therefore, effective organization and systematic support of the process of distance pedagogical practice in the direction of technological education is of great importance.

4. Conclusion

Thus, distance pedagogical practice serves as an effective tool for improving the quality of technological education, strengthening cooperation between universities and industrial enterprises, and for the professional and personal development of the student. Its systematic organization and support create the foundation for the future specialist.

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Predicting the rheological response of Uzbekistan's polymer-modified binders: a comparative analysis of conventional empirical tests and the complex shear modulus

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Abstract: The transition towards performance-based pavement specifications in Central Asia is often hindered by the limited availability of advanced rheological instrumentation. This study bridges this gap by characterizing the viscoelastic performance of asphalt binders currently utilized in Uzbekistan through theoretical modeling based on routine quality control data. A comprehensive laboratory program was conducted on conventional unmodified bitumen (BND 50/70) and three complex modified binders: locally produced polymer-modified bitumen (PMB), crumb rubber modified ('Rezina') bitumen, and sulfur-extended ('Sero') bitumen. Using experimental results from Penetration, Softening Point, and Elastic Recovery tests, the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) and Phase Angle were estimated using the Ullidtz and Van der Poel predictive models, calibrated for the non-Newtonian behavior of modified binders. The study provides a cost-effective framework for predicting high-temperature rutting resistance, demonstrating how traditional empirical data can be transformed into fundamental rheological parameters for mechanistic-empirical pavement design in Uzbekistan's specific climatic conditions.

Keywords: Rheology of bitumen, complex shear modulus, phase angle, Ullidtz model, Van der Poel predictive model

1. Introduction

The Republic of Uzbekistan is currently undergoing a significant transformation in its transport infrastructure, driven by the "New Uzbekistan" development strategy and the need to integrate into the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) corridors. However, the country's continental climate presents a severe challenge to pavement durability. With summer ambient temperatures frequently exceeding 40°C and pavement surface temperatures reaching up to 60–70°C, asphalt concrete layers are subjected to extreme thermal loading. Under these conditions, the primary mode of pavement failure is permanent deformation (rutting).[10-13]

Recent reports from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and local road authorities highlight that conventional unmodified bitumen (BND grades) often lacks the viscoelastic stiffness required to resist these heavy traffic loads at high temperatures. Consequently, there is an urgent industry shift towards modified binders, including Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PMB), Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen ("Rezina"), and Sulfur-Extended Bitumen ("Sero"). While the adoption of modified binders is accelerating, the quality control (QC) infrastructure in Central Asia remains largely based on empirical standards (GOST). Conventional tests such as Penetration (at 25°C) and Ring & Ball Softening Point are effective for classifying unmodified bitumen but are increasingly criticized for their inability to predict the fundamental rheological performance of complex modified systems. Research has shown that polymers create a non-Newtonian network within the bitumen that "decouples" the relationship between empirical hardness and actual rutting resistance. For instance, a polymer-modified binder may share the same penetration value as a neat binder but exhibit vastly superior elastic recovery and stiffness at high temperatures—a distinction that simple penetration tests fail to capture. To fully characterize these materials, the global asphalt community has transitioned to performance-based specifications using the Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR), which measures the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) and Phase Angle. Despite the clear benefits of DSR testing, the high capital cost and technical complexity of this equipment limit its availability in many routine quality control laboratories in Uzbekistan. This creates a disconnect: engineers are using advanced modified materials but assessing them with outdated empirical tools. There is a critical need for a reliable method to "bridge" this gap, allowing practitioners to estimate fundamental performance parameters (G*) from the routine data they already collect (Penetration, Softening Point, and Elastic Recovery). Historical research by Van der Poel (1954) and later mathematical refinements by Ullidtz (1987) established that the stiffness of bitumen could be predicted with reasonable accuracy from empirical data, provided the loading time and temperature susceptibility (Penetration Index) were known. [9-13]

While originally developed for neat bitumen, recent studies suggest that these predictive models can be calibrated for modified binders if the Elastic Recovery is incorporated to account for the phase angle deviation. This approach offers a practical, cost-effective tool for Uzbekistan's road sector, enabling the estimation of mechanistic performance without the immediate need for expensive DSR instrumentation. The primary objective of this research is to evaluate the applicability of the Ullidtz and Van der Poel predictive models for characterizing locally produced modified binders in Uzbekistan. This study analyzes the physical properties of four distinct binder types: standard BND 50/70, local Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PMB), Crumb Rubber Modified ("Rezina") Bitumen, and Sulfur-Extended ("Sero") Bitumen. Estimates the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) and Phase Angle using mathematical derivation from routine test results. Proposes a calibrated framework for predicting high-temperature rutting resistance in the absence of DSR testing, tailored to the specific climatic conditions of Central Asia.

2. Research methodology

GOST R 52056 [1] specifies the technical conditions for road polymer-bitumen binders (PBV) based on viscous road petroleum bitumens and styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) block copolymers. These binders are designed for the construction, reconstruction, and repair of roads, bridges, and airfields. The classification of PBV is strictly based on the depth of needle penetration at 25°C. The standard defines specific grades: PBV 300, PBV 200, PBV 130, PBV 90, PBV 60, and PBV 40.

Elasticity Calculation and Method. The standard provides a specific method for determining elasticity, which measures the proportion of elastic (fully reversible) deformation. Testing Method: Elasticity is determined immediately after testing the sample for ductility. The molds with the ruptured samples are removed from the ductilometer and placed in a water bath at 35°C to accelerate the contraction of the samples. After 15 minutes (or once the length change is no more than 0.1 cm), the length of both parts of the sample is measured from the free end to the mold clip. The elasticity is calculated using the following formula:

$$E = \frac{(D+l)-L}{D} \cdot 100\% \quad (1)$$

Where, D-Ductility in sm, l-Length of the sample before stretching, equal to 3 cm. L-The sum of the lengths of the two parts of the sample after recovery (based on the final measurement) in sm.

The standard establishes the physical-mechanical requirements for each grade. The key indicators required for acceptance include:

-Needle Penetration (at 25°C and 0°C).

-Softening Point (Ring and Ball method), which ranges from not lower than 45°C (PBV 300) to 56°C (PBV 40).

-Fraass Breaking Point, which must be as low as -40°C for PBV 300 and -15°C for PBV 40.

-Elasticity at 25°C, which generally must be at least 85% for most grades (80% for PBV 60 and 40).

-Flash Point, which must be not lower than 220°C for softer grades and 230°C for harder grades.

Materials to evaluate the applicability of the rheological predictive models, four distinct types of asphalt binders currently used or proposed for use in Uzbekistan's road network were selected for this study.

Neat Bitumen (BND 60/90): A conventional unmodified binder complying with GOST 33133-2014. This serves as the control sample.

Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PBV): Produced by modifying the base bitumen with a Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (SBS) copolymer. This binder is designed to meet the requirements of GOST R 52056-2003.

Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen ("Rezina"): A composite binder produced by incorporating finely ground crumb rubber from recycled tires (wet process) into the base bitumen at 180°C.

Sulfur-Extended Bitumen ("Sero"): An experimental binder prepared by introducing technical-grade sulfur into the bitumen matrix to improve stiffness and reduce high-temperature susceptibility.

2.2 Laboratory Testing Methods The physical and mechanical properties of the binders were determined in accordance with the relevant Interstate Standards (GOST). To ensure international comparability, the corresponding European (EN) and American (ASTM) standards are referenced where applicable.

The following routine empirical tests were conducted:

Needle Penetration at 25°C: This test measures the hardness of the bitumen. Performed in accordance with GOST 33136-2014 (Bitumens: Method for determination of needle penetration depth).

Softening Point (Ring and Ball): This test determines the temperature at which the bitumen reaches a specific consistency, serving as an indicator of high-temperature stability. Performed in accordance with GOST 33142-2014, harmonized with EN 1427 [3] and ASTM D36 [4] shown in Figure 1.

Ductility at 25°C: This measures the tensile properties and cohesion of the binder. Performed in accordance with GOST 11505-75.

Elastic Recovery at 25°C: For the polymer-modified samples, elastic recovery was measured to quantify the presence of the polymer network. Performed in accordance with GOST R 52056 [1] (Bitumens: Determination of elastic recovery), equivalent to EN 13398. [2]

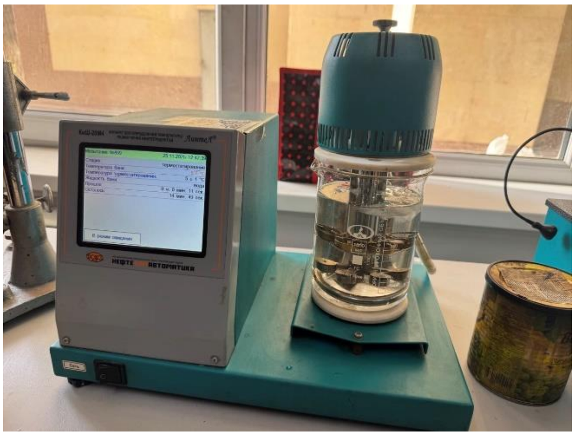

Fig. 1. Ring and Ball. Softening point test

Table 1

Results table

Bitumen types	Softening point, ^{0}C	Penetration at 25 ºC (0.1 mm).	Ductility(sm)	Elastic recovery (%)
BND 60/90	49.9	69	96	0
Polymer Bitumen	67.6	48	25	70
Rubber bitumen	57.4	63	14.24	58.9
sulfur-extended ('Sero') bitumen	54.2	87	16	0

3. Predictive Models.

The transition from empirical quality control to mechanistic-empirical pavement design requires the characterization of bituminous binders in terms of fundamental rheological properties: the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) and Phase Angle. While the Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR) is the standard apparatus for obtaining these parameters, historical research has demonstrated that the rheological behavior of bitumen is intrinsically linked to its conventional consistency and temperature susceptibility. The foundational work by Van der Poel (1954) [9-12] established that the stiffness of pure bitumen behaves as a function of loading time and temperature, summarized in the widely used "Van der Poel Nomograph''. However, manual interpretation of the nomograph is prone to reading errors. To integrate this relationship into computational models, **Ullidtz (1987)** [12-13] derived a mathematical approximation of the nomograph. This study adopts the Ullidtz analytical approach to estimate the linear viscoelastic properties of local Uzbekistan binders from routine empirical data.

3.2 Determination of Temperature Susceptibility (PI)

The first step in the predictive framework is to quantify the temperature sensitivity of the binder. The **Penetration Index (PI)** provides a measure of the deviation of the binder from a purely Newtonian fluid. It is calculated using the classical equation proposed by Pfeiffer and Van Doormaal (1936), which assumes a linear relationship between the logarithm of penetration and temperature:

$$PI=\frac{1952-500\log(Pen_{25})-20T_{R\&B}}{50\log(Pen_{25})-T_{R\&B}-120} \quad (2)$$

Where Pen_{25} is the needle penetration at 25°C (0.1mm). $T_{R\&B}$ is the Ring and Ball Softening Point (°C).

3.3 Transformation of Loading Frequency to Time

The stiffness of viscoelastic materials is time-dependent. In DSR testing, the load is applied cyclically at a specific frequency. The Van der Poel and Ullidtz models, however, are based on loading time. To correlate the two, the angular frequency is converted to an equivalent loading time using the standard relation:

$$t=\frac{1}{w}=\frac{1}{2\pi f} \quad (3)$$

Where: t is the loading time (seconds), f is the frequency (Hz). Note: For standard traffic speed simulation, f= 1.59 Hz (10 rad/s) is typically used.

3.4 Prediction of Bitumen Stiffness Modulus. Based on the computed PI and loading time t, the Bitumen Stiffness Modulus is estimated using the Ullidtz model. This empirical equation predicts the stiffness at any temperature (T) below the softening point:

$$S_{bit}=1.157\times10^{7}t^{-0.368}e^{-PI}(T_{R\&B}-T)^{5} \quad (4)$$

Where: S_{bit} is the predicted Bitumen Stiffness Modulus (Pa). T is the pavement design temperature (°C). Constraint: The model is valid only when T $<T_{R\&B}$.

3.5 Derivation of Complex Shear Modulus (G*)

The stiffness modulus S_{bit} obtained from Equation (3) represents the extensional stiffness (analogous to Young's Modulus, E). For pavement design, the shear stiffness (G*) is the primary input. Assuming that bitumen behaves as an incompressible material (Poisson's ratio, 0.5) under the test conditions, the relationship is defined by classical mechanics:

$$G^{*}=\frac{S_{bit}}{3} \quad (5)$$

3.6 Estimation of Phase Angle (δ) for Modified Binders. While G* represents the total resistance to deformation, the Phase Angle (δ) indicates the viscoelastic balance between the elastic (G') and viscous (G") components. For neat bitumen, δ is strongly correlated with stiffness. However, for the Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PMB) and Crumb Rubber Modified ("Rezina") binders used in this study, the polymer network provides enhanced elastic recovery that decouples δ from stiffness. To account for this non-Newtonian behavior, this study estimates δ using the empirical correlation with Elastic Recovery (ER) proposed by Airey et al. (2002) and validated for SBS-modified systems:

$$\delta = 90-(0.52ER_{25}) \quad (6)$$

where, δ is the Phase Angle (degrees), ER_{25} is the Elastic Recovery at 25°C (%).

3. Results and Discussions

This section presents the rheological properties of the local Uzbekistan bituminous binders—specifically Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PMB) and Crumb Rubber Modified (Crumber) binders—derived from routine empirical tests using the Ullidtz and Van der Poel analytical frameworks. The predicted parameters, specifically the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) and Phase Angle (δ), are evaluated against the performance criteria set forth by the Superpave system (AASHTO M320) [3] and its analog in the CIS region, GOST R 58400.1 [5]. Predicted linear viscoelastic properties The primary limitation of traditional empirical testing (Penetration and Softening Point) is its inability to describe the binder's behavior under specific traffic loading rates. By utilizing the Ullidtz mathematical approximation (Eq. 4) and converting the standard traffic loading frequency (f = 1.59 Hz) to loading time (t), The Stiffness Modulus for all binder samples. Subsequently, the Complex Shear Modulus (G*) was derived assuming a Poisson's ratio of 0.5. As anticipated, the modified binders exhibited significantly higher G* values at high temperatures compared to conventional penetration-grade bitumen. This increase in stiffness is attributed to the polymer network and the swollen rubber particles (in Rezina), which reinforce the bituminous matrix and restrict flow under load. However, stiffness alone does not fully capture the benefit of modification. The Phase Angle (δ), estimated via the Airey et al. correlation with Elastic Recovery (Eq. 6), revealed the distinct viscoelastic nature of the modified binders. While neat bitumen typically exhibits a phase angle approaching 90^{0} (purely viscous flow) at high temperatures, the PMB and Rezina samples demonstrated significantly lower δ values. This reduction indicates a shift towards elastic behavior, where a larger portion of the deformation energy is stored and recovered rather than dissipated as heat. Performance Grading and Superpave (GOST R 58400) Compliance To contextualize the predicted properties within modern pavement design standards, the results were compared against the Rutting Parameter requirements of AASHTO M320 and GOST R 58400.1-2019. The Superpave specification requires that the rutting parameter, defined as $\frac{G*}{\sin(\delta)}$ must exceed 1.00 kPa for unaged binder at the maximum pavement design temperature. Rutting Resistance: The analysis shows that both the polymer-modified bitumen binder achieves the threshold of 1.0 kPa at significantly higher temperatures than unmodified bitumen. This suggests that the local Uzbekistan modified binders are capable of meeting higher Performance

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Grades (PG), such as PG 64, PG 70, or potentially PG 76, depending on the specific modifier dosage.

Climate suitability: Given the continental climate of Uzbekistan, characterized by extreme summer heat, the ability to maintain a high $\frac{G*}{\sin(\delta)}$ at temperatures above 60 ^{0}C is critical. The empirical-mechanistic prediction confirms that the modification effectively extends the upper temperature limit of the binder, reducing the risk of permanent deformation (rutting) on heavy-traffic highways.

Table 2

Predicted Rheological Properties (G*,δ) of Binders Estimated using the Ullidtz Model

Bitumen types	Temperature, ^{0}C	G^*, kPa.	δ (^{0})	Rutting parameter, $\frac{G*}{\sin(\delta)}$	Superpave Criterion (min 1.0 kPa)
BND 60/90	49.9	0.33	90	0.33	Fail
Polymer Bitumen	67.6	0.51	64.7	0.57	Pass
Rubber bitumen	57.4	0.33	59.37	0.39	Fail
sulfur-extended ('Sero') bitumen	54.2	0.33	90	0.33	Fail

4. Conclusion

The mechanistic-empirical analysis of the local binder samples reveals a distinct hierarchy in performance suitable for Uzbekistan's continental climate.

-Polymer-Modified Bitumen (PMB): The Superior Choice The PMB sample demonstrates the most robust modification, achieving the highest Softening Point (67.6°C) and a significantly reduced Phase Angle (64.7°). This confirms the formation of a strong elastomeric network (SBS), which allows the binder to behave viscoelastically—resisting rutting at high temperatures while maintaining the ability to recover from deformation. It is the primary candidate for meeting high-demand Superpave grades (e.g., PG 70 or PG 76).

-Rubber Bitumen ("Rezina"): High Elasticity The Rubber bitumen exhibits the lowest Phase Angle (59.37°), indicating exceptional elastic behavior driven by the "spring-like" rubber particles. However, its thermal resistance (Softening Point 57.4°C) is lower than that of the PMB. While highly effective for stress absorption and fatigue resistance, it may require higher dosages or stabilization to match the high-temperature rutting resistance of PMB.

-Sulfur-Extended vs. Neat Bitumen: Stiffness without Elasticity The Sulfur-extended ('Sero') bitumen shows a slight increase in Softening Point (54.2°C) compared to the baseline BND 60/90 (49.9°C), indicating a stiffening effect. However, crucially, its Phase Angle remains at 90° (identical to the neat BND), revealing that it remains a purely viscous fluid with zero elastic recovery. Unlike Polymer or Rubber modification, Sulfur hardens the bitumen but does not improve its resilience to dynamic traffic loads, limiting its utility for heavy-duty highways where elastic recovery is required to prevent permanent deformation.

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Application of artificial intelligence in traffic management in the city of Jizzakh (Uzbekistan)

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Abstract: This paper investigates the application of artificial intelligence methods for traffic management in the city of Jizzakh, including traffic flow prediction, optimization of traffic signal cycles, management of transport interchange hubs, and enhancement of road traffic safety. Simulation experiments were conducted using deep learning and reinforcement learning techniques based on real traffic data collected over a five-month period. The obtained results demonstrate a reduction in the average vehicle waiting time at intersections by 30%, an increase in arterial road capacity by 22%, and a 19% reduction in accident risk following the implementation of AI-based algorithms. The novelty of the study lies in the integration of adaptive AI models that account for the local characteristics of the Jizzakh transport network and the operational features of transport interchange hubs, which have not been previously addressed in regional studies.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, traffic management, adaptive traffic signal control, traffic flow prediction, transport interchange hubs, road traffic safety

1. Introduction

The growth in the number of vehicles and the increasing complexity of urban transport networks lead to higher congestion levels, longer travel times, and increased accident rates. The city of Jizzakh is characterized by irregular traffic peaks and insufficient coordination of transport interchange hubs, which negatively affects urban mobility and road traffic safety. Traditional traffic control methods based on fixed signal timing plans do not account for traffic dynamics and are unable to adapt to rapidly changing conditions in real time.

Modern intelligent transportation systems, based on artificial intelligence techniques, provide adaptive traffic management using machine learning and deep learning methods for traffic flow prediction, optimization of signal control parameters, and analysis of road accident data. These systems integrate data from sensors, video cameras, and GPS modules, enabling reductions in delays, increases in roadway capacity, and decreases in accident rates [1–5].

AI-based approaches, including reinforcement learning and multi-agent systems, have recently become key tools for traffic signal optimization in complex road networks, demonstrating significant performance improvements compared to conventional adaptive control strategies [6–10]. However, studies focusing on the application of artificial intelligence in medium-sized cities in Uzbekistan, such as Jizzakh, remain limited and require further investigation.

Artificial intelligence-based traffic management approaches include deep learning and reinforcement learning techniques that adapt traffic signals according to the current state of the road network. Recent surveys highlight and as dominant approaches for adaptive traffic signal control in urban ITS [1, 4, 10]. Early studies on RL-based signal control reported substantial reductions in vehicle delays and improvements in throughput [6, 7, 11]. Comparative analyses have demonstrated the superiority of RL methods over traditional fixed-cycle strategies [2, 4, 12].

Multi-agent deep RL systems are capable of handling complex interactions between intersections and providing coordinated signal control in highly loaded networks [8, 13–15]. These approaches improve responsiveness to local changes and reduce overall traffic delays. Traffic prediction using neural network models such as LSTM and graph neural networks (GNNs) enables more accurate forecasting of future demand and proactive optimization of control parameters [3, 16, 17]. The integration of such models with TIH management systems enhances interchange efficiency and reduces total travel time [18–20].

AI algorithms are also applied to accident data analysis and the development of models for predicting crash risks based on historical and real-time data [21–23]. Studies indicate that adaptive models reduce the number of severe accidents and improve intersection safety. Real-world implementations of AI-based ITS in large cities have demonstrated reductions in average vehicle delays of up to 30% and a decrease in the number of stops at intersections [24–28].

2. Research methodology

Traffic data were collected from video cameras, traffic detectors, and GPS trackers of public transport vehicles over the period from January to May 2025. The dataset includes more than 1.2 thousand traffic movement records on major arterial roads in Jizzakh.

Traffic flow prediction was performed using Long Short-Term Memory models, while adaptive signal control was implemented using deep reinforcement learning with a multi-agent architecture. The signal optimization system

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aimed to minimize total vehicle waiting time and maximize network throughput.

The mathematical formulation of the signal optimization problem at an intersection is defined through the reinforcement learning reward function:

$$R = (\alpha \cdot W + \beta \cdot C), \quad (1)$$

where W- denotes the total waiting time, C - is the congestion coefficient,

α,β are weighting parameters.

The average vehicle waiting time at intersections is defined as the mean duration during which vehicles remain stopped or move at a minimal speed within the intersection control area due to traffic signal operation and interactions with conflicting traffic streams.

The average waiting time is calculated using the following expression:

$$\bar{W} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} W_i \quad (2)$$

where:

$\bar{W}$— average waiting time, s;

N — number of vehicles that passed through the intersection during the observation period;

W_i— individual waiting time of the *i*-th vehicle, s.

The throughput capacity per unit time under a given traffic organization and signal control conditions is calculated as:

$$Q = \frac{N}{T} \cdot 3600, \quad (3)$$

where:

Q — intersection capacity, vehicles/hour;

N — number of vehicles that passed through the intersection during the observation period;

T — observation duration, s.

The traffic accident frequency is defined as the number of registered road traffic accidents occurring on the considered road network segment per unit time, typically per year.

The accident frequency is calculated as:

$$A = \frac{N_{acc}}{T} \cdot 12, \quad (4)$$

where:

A — accident frequency, accidents/year;

N_{acc} — number of accidents recorded during the observation period;

T — duration of the observation period, months.

The efficiency of a transport interchange hub is evaluated as the number of successfully completed passenger transfers between different modes of transport per unit time.

The efficiency indicator is calculated as:

$$E_{TIH} = \frac{N_{tr}}{T} \cdot 3600 \quad (5)$$

where:

E_{TIH} — efficiency of the transport interchange hub, transfers/hour;

N_{tr}— number of passenger transfers during the observation period;

T — observation duration, s.

3. Results and Discussions

The simulation results indicate that the implementation of Artificial intelligence based adaptive traffic management leads to significant improvements in the operational performance of the urban road network. The average vehicle waiting time at intersections decreased, while the capacity of major arterials increased, reflecting a more efficient distribution of traffic flows.

Data collection, processing, and analysis of simulation were carried out using **PTV Vissim** software. The evaluation of changes in performance indicators before and after artificial intelligence implementation was conducted through a comparative analysis of simulation experiments.

The obtained results are consistent with findings reported in international studies and confirm that adaptive algorithms effectively respond to traffic variability and peak demand conditions. A reduction in accident frequency was also observed, which can be attributed to fewer conflict situations and more stable signal control operation. Overall, the results confirm the feasibility of applying intelligent traffic management systems to improve transport efficiency and environmental safety in urban areas.

Table 1

Performance indicators before and after AI implementation

Indicator	Before AI	After AI	Change (%)
Average waiting time (s)	91	65	–30
Road capacity (veh/h)	820	1000	+22
Number of accidents (per year)	42	34	–19
TIH transfer rate (transfers/h)	350	400	+20

The results are based on simulation modeling of the Jizzakh urban network using RL algorithms.

The simulation results confirm the high effectiveness of artificial intelligence -based traffic management methods in the context of a medium-sized city. The 30% reduction in average waiting time and the 22% increase in arterial capacity are comparable with outcomes reported in international studies on adaptive ITS based on reinforcement learning and deep learning. This indicates the robustness of the applied algorithms and their applicability beyond large metropolitan areas.

A key factor contributing to the achieved performance is the use of a multi-agent deep reinforcement learning architecture, which enables coordination between neighboring intersections and network-level signal optimization. Unlike local control strategies that optimize individual nodes, the proposed approach ensures coordinated traffic flow distribution, which is particularly important for arterials with variable demand and irregular peak periods, as observed in Jizzakh.

The 19% reduction in accident frequency can be explained by a decrease in conflict situations at intersections, smoother traffic flow, and fewer abrupt braking and stopping events. These findings are consistent with studies demonstrating that adaptive signal control improves not only capacity but also road safety by stabilizing traffic regimes [4, 27, 28]. Therefore, artificial intelligence-based algorithms can be regarded as an effective tool for comprehensive traffic safety enhancement.

The impact of intelligent control on transport interchange hubs deserves special attention. A 20% increase in transfer rates indicates improved synchronization between private and public transport flows and reduced transfer delays. This supports the effectiveness of integrating traffic prediction models (LSTM) with TIH management systems, as reported in previous studies [18–20]. Such integration is particularly critical for medium-sized cities, where TIHs often represent bottlenecks in the transport network.

It should be noted that the obtained results are based on simulation and historical data covering a limited period of five months. This imposes certain limitations on the interpretation of the results, as real-world conditions may involve additional factors such as weather variability, road maintenance activities, and changes in driver behavior. Nevertheless, even within the simulation framework, the observed improvements demonstrate the significant potential of AI-based approaches for practical implementation.

4. Conclusion

The application of artificial intelligence methods for traffic management in Jizzakh demonstrated significant benefits:

-a 30% reduction in average waiting time at intersections;

-a 22% increase in arterial road capacity;

-a 19% reduction in accident frequency;

-a 20% improvement in transport interchange hub efficiency.

These results confirm the feasibility and effectiveness of artificial intelligence-based solutions for the sustainable development of transport infrastructure in medium-sized cities of Uzbekistan.

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Prospects for implementing public-private partnership in managing the resource capacity of the road – transport complex

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Abstract: The article examines the prospects of introducing public-private partnership (PPP) in managing the resource potential of Uzbekistan's road-transport complex. It analyzes foreign experience in effective state property management, particularly through inter-property cooperation forms such as concessions, special contracts, and production-sharing agreements. The necessity of applying the concession form of this partnership in Uzbekistan's road-transport sector is substantiated, as the high share of state ownership in producing socially significant goods (road infrastructure) currently leads to inefficient use of resources. The study emphasizes the possibility of implementing paid toll roads, bridges, motels, quarries, service facilities, and other projects through concessions. It is proposed to carry out such projects via a joint venture organized as a joint-stock company, which would create opportunities to enhance the country's transit potential. As a result, the proposed initiative is presented as the first concession project in Uzbekistan that would contribute significantly to the development of the road-transport complex.

Keywords: Public-Private Partnership, concession, road-transport complex, paid motor roads, transit potential, highway, joint venture

1. Introduction

In the process of researching the possibilities of applying the principle of "inter-property cooperation," which manifests entrepreneurial ability, which is the most effective of the factors of production in the road transport complex, it is advisable to consider one project that has practical significance. The content of this project is presented below.

One of the problems that must be solved in the reforms carried out in any country is the further improvement of the efficiency of state property. The known experience of human development to date shows that several methods of managing state property based on the principles of market relations can be used. Dealing solely with the denationalization of property does not always yield the expected results. Another method of effective management of state property, developed abroad, is the use of the positive aspects of cooperation between the state and the private sector, which allows achieving the intended goal in this direction.

In modern science, the concept of cooperation between the state and the private sector in economic relations refers to the institutional and organizational association that arises between the state and private business in order to implement socially significant projects. The system of cooperative relations between the state and the private sector is one of the main components of mixed economy theory. In practice, this system represents a certain set of institutional environments and relations. The state, in turn, is also a subject that assumes responsibility for the formation of this institutional environment and develops the rules of cooperation.

Among the known forms of public-private partnership in Uzbekistan, corporate enterprises are widespread, which have organizational and legal forms in the form of joint-stock companies, limited liability companies, and additional liability companies. Without diminishing the role and significance of these institutional units in the development of the country's economy, it should be noted that the development of solely corporate cooperation between the state and the private sector is insufficient in the current period of dynamic changes in property relations.

2. Research methodology

Within the framework of this study, the prospects for the practical application of public-private partnership in the road transport complex of Uzbekistan were discussed. At this point, based on the peculiarities of the Uzbek language, it is advisable to give this form of cooperation not under the name "public-private partnership," but in the form of "private-public partnership." It is known that only the forms of state and private ownership themselves or their combination can exist in the economy. Therefore, it is correct to call this the relationship between state and private property.

Abroad, there is a form of inter-property cooperation called "partial privatization," in which the state grants only a part of the property rights to representatives of private business. The forms of transferring some of the state's property powers can be: concessions, special agreements, production sharing agreements, joint ventures (Table 1).

Table 1

Forms of inter-property relations for managing the resource potential of public-private partnership

№	Shapes	Areas of manifestation
1	2	3
1.	Concession	In the spheres of railways and highways, utilities, pipeline transport, etc.

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2.	Special Contracts	Contracts granting one-time property management rights
3.	Product sharing agreements	In the fields of agriculture, mining, fuel and energy, etc.
4.	Joint venture	in all sectors of the economy in the form of joint-stock companies and limited liability companies

Among the listed forms of inter-property cooperation, concessions are of great importance and are successfully used in more than a hundred countries of the world as the most optimal mechanism for establishing relations between the state and the private sector based on the principles of a market economy. It should be especially noted that international experience in the application of concessions indicates that such agreements are widespread mainly in infrastructure sectors. Concession agreements are used as one of the important levers for implementing institutional reforms in the railway and road sectors, utilities, electric power, and pipeline transport.

Considering the insufficient experience of using this form of inter-property cooperation in Uzbekistan, this study discusses the prospects for applying concession agreements in the spheres of the road transport complex, where state ownership is considered a priority.

The study proved the existence of a number of reasons for obtaining a concession form (see Fig. 1).

Firstly, as in the whole world, in Uzbekistan, the need to produce social goods that serve to meet the growing needs of the population and sectors of the economy is becoming increasingly urgent.

Secondly, the increase in production volumes in the complex, in turn, leads to the accumulation of a large amount of society's resources in the industry. The high state share in the complex's sectors does not allow for the efficient use of these resources.

Thirdly, it is the sectors included in this complex that, at the current stage of globalization, can ensure the pace of development that determines the integration of the country's economy into international economic relations and its competitiveness. One of the problems is the low sub-index of the logistics efficiency index, which is important for clients in international transportation, indicating the level of development of road infrastructure.

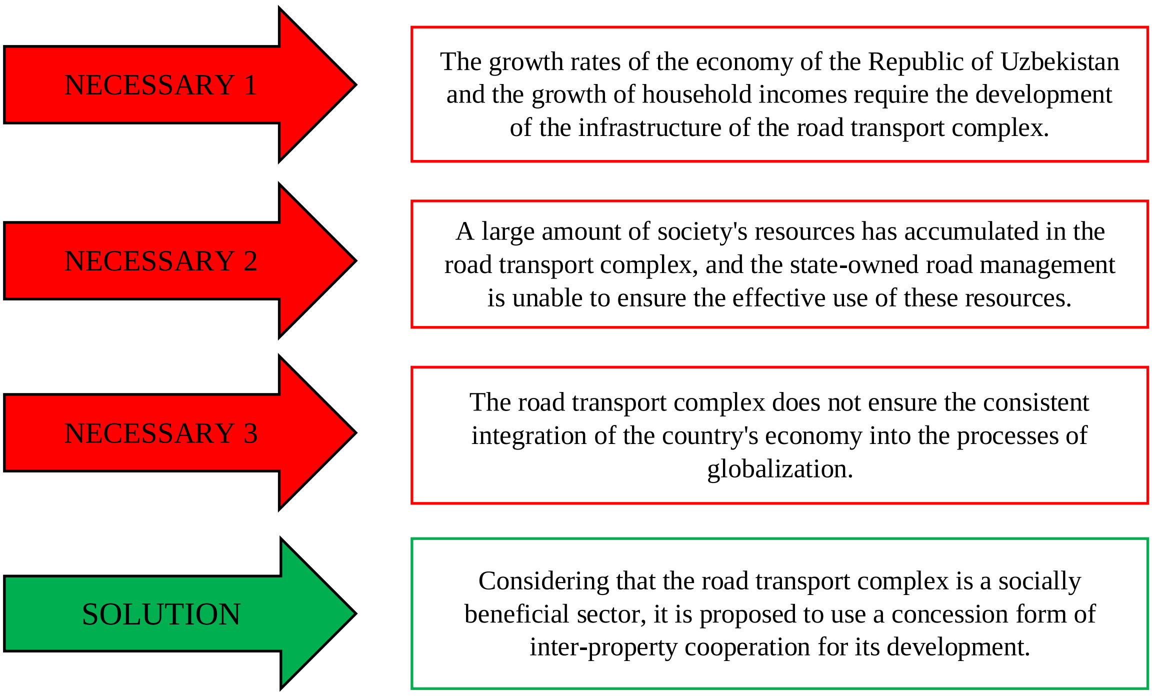

Fig.1. The need to apply public-private partnerships in managing the resource potential of the road transport complex

Based on the foregoing, as well as recognizing the importance of the road transport complex as a sector that creates social goods, research was conducted on the application of the concession form of inter-property agreements in the complex.

It was noted that in Uzbekistan, scholars still do not pay sufficient attention to the problems of concession activities corresponding to the concession form of cooperation, which implies economic relations of public-private partnership, especially in the sphere of infrastructure. The international experience of concession activities, as well as the insufficient study of the mechanisms of state regulation of this activity, and most importantly, the fact that research devoted to the problems of the formation of concession activities in our country is practically not being conducted, sets the task of accelerating research in this area before the science of Uzbekistan. Therefore, in this study, among the measures aimed at the effective use of state property, the participation of concession activities in the management of state property in the road transport complex, which is distinguished by its importance, was studied separately (Table 2).

Table 2

Projects in which concession agreements can be applied in the management of the resource potential of the road transport complex

№	Network of the road transport complex	Project	Concession terms
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
1.	Road - transport complex	Paid highways Paid bridges Motels Careers Hotels Public catering establishments Maintenance points Road safety systems Bus stations	25-30 years 25-30 years for 10 years for 10 years for 10 years for 10 years for 10 years for 5 years for 10 years
2.	Railway transport	Separate railway infrastructure providing high-speed movement (railway, station, depot, etc.)	for 40-50 years

The uniqueness of the road transport complex product as a social good also influences the cooperation of the state and private business in this area. The state's recognition of the primacy of the social interest in the activities of the complex, while the interest of profit for private business always prevails, negates the intersection of the interests of these two owners. In fact, the possibility of a road transport complex, which is considered a social good, generating commercial profit, is a highly controversial topic. Several areas have been identified where concession agreements can be concluded, providing for the participation of private business in the activities of the complex.

Firstly, it is possible to actively involve the private sector in the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads. Foreign experience shows that there is a possibility of using individual road facilities on a paid basis, which, in turn, satisfies the demand for material interest of private business. It is only necessary to develop national standards for the construction of toll roads or the reconstruction and operation of state roads in a timely manner, taking into account the opinions of international experts.

Secondly, since some industrial enterprises of the republic's road management, producing construction materials, are still under state control, and the issue of their shareholding is not yet on the agenda, they can also be transferred to a concession for a certain period. In this case, to satisfy the level of material interest of private business, it is necessary to develop a mechanism for coordinating prices for products manufactured at these industrial enterprises.

Thirdly, the practice of transferring roadside infrastructure and service facilities to private businesses for certain periods based on concession agreements can be applied. True, due to the shortage of financial resources in the complex, the direct privatization of such facilities seems expedient, but the full use of the possibility of placing service sector facilities in some road facilities leads to the efficiency of the use of state property.

Within the framework of this study, recommendations are being developed for the construction of toll roads, which have not yet been practiced in the history of the development of the country's road sector. This road is a section of the international highway M-39 "Almaty - Bishkek - Tashkent - Termez" from 886 to 910 kilometers, currently passing through the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the theoretical and technical-economic basis for the revival of regular car traffic on this road on a toll basis has been developed.

According to the history of Uzbekistan's highways, the construction of the M-39 highway began in the 1960s, connecting Almaty, the former capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with Termez, Uzbekistan. This highway passes through the capital of Uzbekistan - Tashkent, Syrdarya, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Guzar, Dehkanabad, Sherabad, Angor, and has a total length of 658 kilometers across the country to Termez.

The section of this highway passing through the territory of Uzbekistan enters the territory of Kazakhstan, and after 24 kilometers again enters the territory of our country (see Fig. 2). In the author's opinion, it is advisable to reconstruct this 24-kilometer highway in accordance with international requirements and revitalize it by transferring the management of this toll road to a joint-stock company in the form of a newly created joint venture.

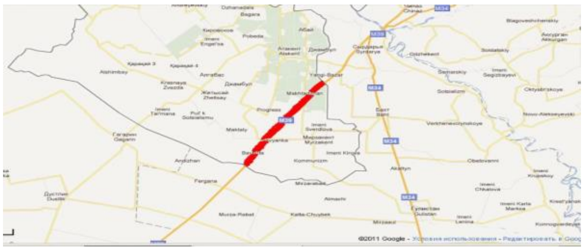

Fig. 2. Section of the M-39 highway passing through the Republic of Kazakhstan

Calculations show that the reconstruction and commissioning of this section of the M-39 highway at the level of international toll roads will require investment funds in the amount of 836397.5 million soums. In addition, for the operation of this section of the road, the joint venture will incur repair and maintenance costs of 2577.5 million soums per year. If we take into account that at the beginning of the section of the highway passing through the territory of Uzbekistan, that is, on the border of Tashkent and Syrdarya regions, the average traffic intensity is 53,744 vehicles/day, and an average of 65% of the same number of vehicles are re-registered at the Sardoba road patrol service (YPX) post, which exits the border of Kazakhstan, then the number of vehicles that can pass through the toll road (speed potential)

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that can be organized on it will be equal to 34,934 vehicles/day.

Another aspect is that the Kazakh side will have to address the issue of closing all road networks leading to and branching off this highway, as well as constructing new roads parallel to the highway for local road traffic. It is necessary to clarify the sources of financing for construction, based on the conclusions of experts, in agreement with the parties, justifying the necessity of these roads. The costs of creating a joint venture, maintaining and operating a toll road, ensuring safety, and restoring local communication lines will be included in the total cost of the investment project.

The data obtained as a result of the calculations and observations made it possible to determine the costs of launching this international toll road (see Table 3).

According to preliminary calculations, the payback period of this international investment project, which will allow returning the section of the M-39 highway from Tashkent to Termez to uninterrupted operation, will be 5.8 years.

In the above calculations, the costs associated with the creation of a joint venture were not taken into account. The costs of establishing any large international economic entity, while being more complex than establishing national companies, imply significant financial costs. This study discusses the organizational structure of the joint venture that is planned to be created.

Table 3

Implementation of the project international toll road drop performance

№	Events and Indicators	Quantity and unit of measurement	value, million soums
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
1.	Construction of an international 1-category (4-lane, asphalt-concrete pavement) highway with bridges and concrete-monolithic walls.	24 km	593573,5
2.	Installation of video surveillance devices along the road	at 20 points	199,5
3.	Installation of “SOPO” anti-ice conditions equipment	1500 m	14,586
4.	Construction of checkpoints with payment systems	2	15,000
5.	Installing modern scales	2	55,000
6.	Construction of service points	2	3750
7.	Installation of metal barriers	24 km.	17,500
8.	Expenses for current repair and maintenance of toll roads	24 km	2 577,5
9.	Expenses related to the construction of a Category II (2-lane, asphalt-concrete) highway	24 km	134211
10.	Total expenses		836 397,5
11.	Traffic intensity	34934 vehicles/day	
12.	Daily earnings		394,7
13.	Annual revenue		144068,4
14.	Investment payback period, years	5,8	

A joint venture is created in the form of a joint-stock company, which is the most effective organizational and legal form in international economic activity. In this case, 51% of the joint venture's share package belongs to residents of the Republic of Kazakhstan (due to the passage of the M-39 highway through the territory of Kazakhstan), and the remaining 49% belongs to residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Recognizing that the governments of both countries independently decide on the placement of these shares, it is advisable to ensure that the absolute amount of these shares belongs to private businesses. Admittedly, during the project implementation process, the parties can utilize the possibilities of attracting state funds and subsequently reclaim these funds by selling shares to the private sector, or initially finance the project by forming share capital in exchange for the sale of shares. However, in both cases, relations involving cooperation between the state and the private sector are in effect.

When revitalizing this toll section of the highway, an international agreement should be signed between the two countries, and both sides should recognize the joint venture’s position as a participant in legal relations defining its full responsibility in the main territory.

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, it can be noted that the proposed project is the first concession project that can be organized in Uzbekistan, and its implementation will allow for more effective use of the transit potential of the country's road transport complex.

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Diagnostics of locomotive power electrical circuits using the USTA device during rheostatic tests (Based on 2TE10M / UzTE16M)

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Abstract: This article examines the principles of diagnosing locomotive power electrical circuits using the USTA microprocessor-based control system during rheostatic testing. The structure of the system, control algorithms, monitoring of analog and discrete signals, and verification of diesel-generator characteristics are analyzed. The study demonstrates that the application of USTA improves regulation accuracy, enhances protection reliability, and simplifies diagnostic procedures during maintenance.
Keywords: USTA, rheostatic testing, traction generator, diagnostics, diesel locomotive, power circuits, field weakening

1. Introduction

Modern diesel locomotives with electric transmission require precise control and diagnostic systems for power electrical circuits. In locomotives such as the 2TE10M (UzTE16M), these functions are performed by the USTA system (Universal System of Traction Automation).

The main objective of diagnostics during rheostatic testing is to verify:

-proper operation of the traction generator;
-correctness of excitation control;
-ctivation of protective systems;
-functioning of field-weakening contactors;
-compliance of power and current parameters with standard specifications. [1,2].

USTA is intended for:

- regulation of the traction power transmission of diesel locomotives in the traction and electric braking mode, ensuring the parameters and protections stipulated in the technical conditions for their supply and other regulatory documents;
- simplification of the electrically driven locomotive scheme, reduction of the nomenclature of electrical apparatuses, and unification of the electrical schemes of all series of locomotives.

USTA is a microprocessor control system with a device for communication with the object in the form of sensors and measuring converters.

UTA consists of the following main nodes:

- STA regulating unit;
- PN-1 measuring voltage converters for measuring the voltage and current of the main generator, the voltage of the comparison diode block (BDS), the current of the independent winding of the traction generator.

2. Research methodology

The UTA control unit receives power from the locomotive's battery through the closing contacts of the RU16 relay. The power supply voltage is supplied to the external connector XR1 of the control unit to the contacts AO (-Shift) and VO (+75V).

The control unit generates the power supply voltage for the measuring voltage and current converters EP2716, which is connected to the external connector XR1 of the control unit - contacts V6 (+15V), V7 (-15V).

The SUTA control unit generates the power supply voltage for the inductive sensor. The power voltage frequency of the inductive sensor is set by program. The inductive sensor is connected to the external connector XR1 of the control unit to the contacts C8 (iid) and C7 (Oid).

To determine the state of the locomotive's circuit, discrete signals are introduced into the UTA control unit:

sign of connection of the VSH1, VSH2 contactors;
sign of connection of contactors KB, BB;
sign of switching on block - MP1, MP2, MP3, MP4 magnets;
sign of switching on the switches of the motor switches 0M1-0M6. [4].

To verify the operability of the USTA system by the engineer during the acceptance of the locomotive, it is necessary:

- start the diesel locomotive and, upon ignition of the LED indicator on the power board, ensure that the power supply unit has started, and by flashing once a second of the lower LED on the ADC board of the USTA-4 unit or "working" on the processor board of the USTA-5 LED - the control program has been initialized (working);
- turn off OM1-OM6 timers;
- turn off the TUP switch;
- turn on ALSN;
- transfer the CM to the first position and according to the readings of the kilovoltmeter

observe the excitation of the generator. Generator voltage should be

reach the cutting force at the first position of the KM;

-by switching the driver's controller to the second position and subsequent positions, observe the voltage increase. The generator voltage should reach the cut-off voltage at each position of the driver's controller (see tables 1);

Without changing the position of the load rheostat knives, fix the disconnection of the VSH1 contactor, while observing on the remote control indicator:

VSH1 = 1 VSH2 = 1 OP1 = 0 OP2 = 0

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When VSH2, VSH1 are disconnected, the generator voltage increases by 1/8 of the limiting voltage for this position of the driver's controller to prevent VSH ringing and power failure. [4].

Fig. 1. USTA regulation unit:

Power check with the traction motor disconnected

At the zero position of the controller, turn off one of the OM1-OM6 disconnect switches. Set the controller to position 10 under load. Set the generator current to 3000-4000 A, and observe the following on the console indicator: the measured generator power should be in the 1128-1368 kW range, Nkm = 10 for a high-speed 10D100 diesel engine, and in the 880-1121 kW range, Nkm = 10 for a low-speed 10D100 diesel engine.

Without changing the position of the load rheostat contact blades, set the controller to positions 11-15, observing on the indicator that the generator power for all controller positions above 10 remains within the aforementioned limits. Set the 10th position of the controller under load.

Without changing the position of the load rheostat knives, set the controller to positions 11-15, while observing on the indicator that the generator power at all controller positions above 10 is within the above limits.position for the muscles to generate strength. For a load with a maximum value of less than 1500, the muscle fatigue time is much greater (not indicated on the graph), but still not infinite.

et the operating mode switch to Emergency.The switch on the UPS module must be turned off. Perform standard starting operations and start the diesel engine. After starting the diesel, check the operation of the voltage regulator, observing the battery charging current and the voltage of the onboard network, which is regulated by the voltage regulator, using standard devices.

auxiliary generator. It should be 75±1 V.

When the diesel is running idle, check the rotational speed of the diesel engine's crankshaft according to the position of the engine controller. It must comply with tables 1.

Perform the adjustment of the locomotive's emergency circuit according to the rheostat adjustment instructions.

Check the rotational speed of the diesel generator under load.

of the diesel engine's crankshaft according to the position of the engine controller. It must comply with tables 1.

The duration of the traction generator load should not exceed:

for current - 4320-5000A 20min, 5000-5500A 5min, 5500-6000A 3min, 6000-6300A 1min.

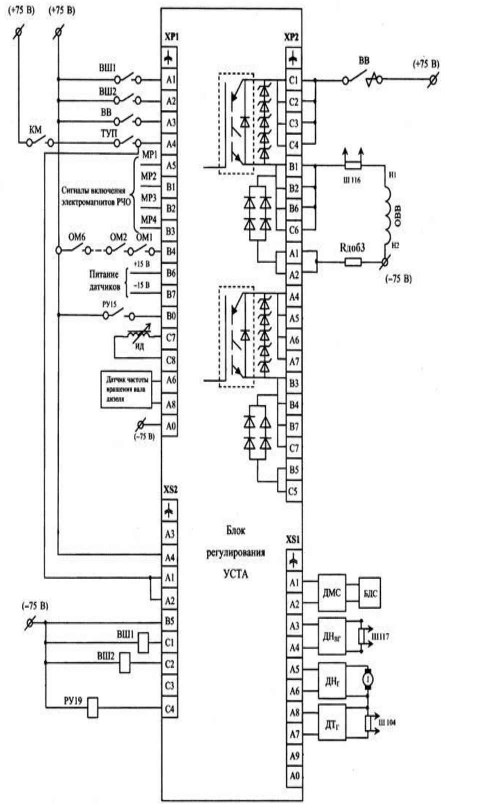

Fig. 2. Diagram of the UzTE16M locomotive's mouth system connection to its electrical circuits

Table 1

pkm	Diesel shaft rotation frequency,rpm	Generator clamp power, kW	enerator current, A	ots	otc, A	enerator power given Pgz, kW.
	2 70+20					
	2 70+20		00-1000			
			000-1400			
			200-1800			
			400-2000			

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			700-2300			
	4 75±20		800-2400	82,5		
		94-654	900-2600	38,6		
		20-806	100-2900			
		25-939	600-3400			
0	6 45±20	80-1121	700-3500			
1		137-1304	100-3900			
2	7 25±20	162-1456	100-4000			
3		318-1638	100-4100			
4	8 10±20	463-1810	000-4200			
5		570-1945	000-4320			

Rheostatic tests on a normal excitation circuit of a traction generator Verification using a portable control panel of the correctness of inputting discrete and analog signals into the UTA control unit.

Set the emergency switch AR to the "Norm" position.

Connect the portable remote with a special

undefined

Perform standard starting operations and start the diesel engine.

Turn on the switch on the power supply module of the control unit.

undefined undefined On the portable remote control, press the "ESC" button. Observe information on the portable remote control indicator:

top row - locomotive type

bottom line - mode: Two; Two; Abh; warmth.

Below the "Regime" word in the bottom line, the "_" marker is displayed.

Using the " - "; or "< - " buttons, place the "_" marker under the word Avx

(analog inputs).

Press the "ENTER" button and observe the portable indicator

Information from the remote control:

Top line - Analog inputs str.=0000

Lower row UG=0000 JG=0000

where: str.= page number 0,1,2,3,4;

Ug - generator voltage, V;

JG - generator current, A.

Changing the page number is performed by the " - " or "< - " buttons, so that when the " - " button is pressed, the page number increases, while:

- on the page. = 0001 on the lower line of the indicator, observe the information: Ubx=0000 Pz=0000 Uid = 0000

where: Ubx - boxing voltage, V;

Id - position of the inductive sensor measured, units;

Pz - given power, kW;

- on page - 0002 on the bottom line of the indicator, observe the information:

Uz = 0000, DP = 0000,

where: Uz - given voltage, V;

DP - power differential, kW;

- on page - 0003 on the lower line of the indicator, observe the information:

FL = 0.0000, S = 0.0020.

where: FL - 0.1 weakening flag;

S1 = 0020 - 6000 units of control pulse duration of the SHIM1 power switch;

- on the page. - 0004 on the lower line of the indicator to observe the information: MT = 0001

where: if MT = 0001, then the fixed power mode; if MT = 0257, then the TNVD rod regulator mode.

Press the "ESC" button on the portable remote indicator

observe information:

upper row - diesel locomotive type lower row - mode: Two; Two; Abh; warmth. Using the " - " or "< - " buttons, place the "_" marker under the word DVx - discrete inputs.

Next, press the "ENTER" button on the portable remote control and on

observe information in the indicator:

upper line - discrete inputs line = 0000 lower line VSH1 = 1 VSH2 = 1 KB - 0 TUP = 0 where: if VSH1 = 1, then the VSH1 contactor is switched off;

if VSH1 = 0, then the VSH1 contactor is engaged;

if VSH2 = 1, then the VSH2 contactor is switched off;

if VSH2 = 0, then the VSH2 contactor is switched on;

if KB = 0, then the KB, BB contactors are switched off;

if KB = 1, then the KB, BB contactors are switched on;

if TUP = 0, then the junction control switch is switched off;

if TUP = 1, then the transition control switch is turned on.

Next, on page = 0001 on the bottom line of the indicator, observe the information:

KM1=0 KM2=0 KM3=0 KM4=0

where: if KM1 = 0, then the MP1 electromagnet is switched off;

if KM1 = 1, then the MR1 electromagnet is switched on;

if KM2 = 0, then the MP2 electromagnet is switched off;

if KM2 = 1, then the MP2 electromagnet is switched on;

if KMZ = 0, then the MRZ electromagnet is switched off;

if KMZ = 1, then the MRZ electromagnet is switched on:

if KM4 = 0, then the MP4 electromagnet is switched off;

if KM4 = 1, then the MP4 electromagnet is switched on;

On page = 0002 on the lower line of the indicator, observe the information: OM = 0000

where: if OM = 1, then one or all switches of the OM1-OM6 motor switches are switched off. If OM=0, then all switches of the OM1-OM6 motors are switched on.

On the portable remote control, press the "ESC" button and observe the information on the indicator:

top row - locomotive type

bottom line - mode: Two; Two; Abh; warmth.

Using the " - " or "< - " buttons, place the "_" marker under the word "Two output keys."

Top line - discrete outputs str.=0000

Bottom line - FW1 = 0 FW2 = 0 Ai = 0

where: FW1 = 0, the first stage of traction motor field weakening is off;

FW1 = 1, the first stage of traction motor field weakening is on;

FW2 = 0, the second stage of traction motor field weakening is off;

FW2 = 1, the second stage of traction motor field weakening is on;

Ai = 0, then Ur < 850 V and Jr < 7200 A, protection is deactivated (contactors KB, BB are on);

Ai = 1, then protection is activated (contactors KB, BB are off, i.e., load shedding has occurred);

$$P=Pgz+(Uind-Uind-J)*(ng-l), \quad (1)$$

Where Pgz is the given power value, code units;

Uind - current value of the inductive sensor position, code units;

Uind-f-fixed value of the inductive sensor, code units;

Ng - position of the driver controller.

Umdmin"170efl, Uindmax"440 units, Kr-0.09896 kW/unit.

Set the controller to position 15 under load with all auxiliary consumers switched on.

By changing the position of the load rheostat blades, set the generator currents to 2000 A, 2500 A, 3000 A, 3500 A, 4000 A, 4500 A, 5000 A, 5500 A, and 6000 A. Using a portable instrument, record the specified and measured power of the traction generator, while monitoring the position of the inductive sensor, which should remain approximately constant (300-330 units) in

the traction generator current range of 2600 A to 6000 A. Without changing the load rheostat resistance corresponding to the generator current of 4000-4320 A (position 15), set the controller to position six and check that the generator power corresponds to the table. If there is a discrepancy, adjust the position of the inductive sensor and repeat the power check at position fifteen.

3. Conclusion

Diagnostics of locomotive power electrical circuits using the USTA system during rheostatic testing ensures:

-real-time monitoring of traction generator parameters;

-ccurate verification of diesel-generator characteristics;

-reliable control of field-weakening stages;

-effective overload protection;

-improved safety and operational reliability.

The implementation of the USTA microprocessor-based system significantly enhances regulation precision, reduces testing time, and simplifies fault detection in locomotive power circuits.

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Methodology for developing optimal-system models to improve investment efficiency in regions: evidence from the Kashkadarya region

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Abstract: This article improving the efficiency of investment utilization remains a central challenge for regional economic development, particularly in transition economies where structural imbalances, institutional constraints, and uneven capital allocation hinder sustainable growth. This study develops a comprehensive methodological framework for constructing optimal-system models aimed at enhancing investment efficiency at the regional level, using the Kashkadarya region of Uzbekistan as a case study.
The research integrates systems theory, multi-criteria optimization techniques, and econometric modeling to design a structured investment efficiency model. The proposed framework evaluates investment allocation across key sectors based on economic return, employment generation, social impact, and environmental sustainability.
A mathematical optimization model is formulated to determine the optimal distribution of investment resources under budgetary and structural constraints. The study demonstrates that a system-based investment allocation approach significantly improves regional performance indicators compared to traditional allocation mechanisms.
Policy implications suggest the need for institutional coordination, data-driven investment planning, and dynamic monitoring mechanisms. The findings contribute to regional economic modeling literature and provide practical guidance for policymakers in emerging economies.
Keywords: investment efficiency, regional development, optimization model, system-based approach, Kashkadarya region, economic modeling

1. Introduction

Efficient utilization of investments plays a decisive role in ensuring sustainable regional development. In many developing and transition economies, including Uzbekistan, regional disparities in economic performance remain a persistent challenge. While capital inflows have increased in recent years, the effectiveness of their allocation across sectors and territories often remains suboptimal. Consequently, the development of scientifically grounded methodologies for improving investment efficiency at the regional level has become an urgent priority.

The Kashkadarya region represents a strategically significant economic zone due to its natural resources, agricultural potential, and industrial infrastructure. Despite substantial investment inflows, the region continues to face structural imbalances, limited diversification, and uneven sectoral growth. These challenges indicate the need for a systematic and optimized investment allocation framework.

This study aims to develop a methodological approach for constructing optimal-system models to enhance regional investment efficiency. The research integrates systems theory, optimization modeling, and multi-criteria evaluation to formulate a comprehensive decision-making framework applicable to regional economic management.

The central hypothesis of the study is that investment efficiency can be significantly improved through the implementation of a structured optimization model that accounts for economic, social, and environmental indicators simultaneously.

Literature review

Solow's neoclassical growth model establishes the foundational relationship between capital accumulation, labor, and technological progress in determining economic growth. The model demonstrates that while investment increases capital stock and boosts short- and medium-term output, long-term growth is primarily driven by technological advancement. A key implication of Solow's framework is the concept of diminishing marginal returns to capital, which suggests that simply increasing investment volume does not guarantee proportional increases in output.

For regional investment efficiency modeling, Solow's theory provides an essential macroeconomic foundation. In developing optimal-system models for regions such as Kashkadarya, the principle of diminishing returns emphasizes the importance of efficient capital allocation across sectors rather than excessive concentration in a single industry. This theoretical basis supports the need for structured optimization mechanisms in regional investment planning[1].

Romer's endogenous growth theory expands classical models by incorporating knowledge, innovation, and human capital as internal drivers of economic growth. Unlike the Solow model, where technological progress is exogenous, Romer argues that investments in research, education, and innovation generate increasing returns and sustain long-term economic expansion. This framework highlights the

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structural role of investment composition rather than merely its volume.

In the context of regional optimization modeling, Romer's approach implies that investment efficiency should be evaluated not only by immediate economic returns but also by long-term innovation effects. For the Kashkadarya region, allocating investment toward education, industrial modernization, and infrastructure can create cumulative growth effects. Therefore, endogenous growth theory strengthens the methodological argument for multi-criteria investment optimization[2].

This seminal paper introduced Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), a non-parametric method used to evaluate the relative efficiency of decision-making units (DMUs) with multiple inputs and outputs. DEA enables researchers to assess performance without requiring predefined production functions. It has become widely applied in measuring efficiency across industries, public sectors, and regional economies.

For regional investment efficiency analysis, DEA offers a valuable empirical tool to compare sectoral performance within a region. In the case of Kashkadarya, DEA can identify which sectors generate higher economic output, employment, and fiscal returns per unit of investment. These results can then inform the construction of an optimal-system allocation model by prioritizing more efficient sectors while addressing structural weaknesses[3].

The Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) is a multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) method that structures complex decisions into hierarchical levels and assigns weights through pairwise comparisons. AHP is particularly useful when decisions involve both quantitative and qualitative factors. It enables policymakers to systematically evaluate trade-offs between economic, social, and environmental objectives.

In developing optimal-system investment models, AHP can be used to determine the relative importance of efficiency indicators such as economic return, employment generation, social development, and environmental sustainability. For the Kashkadarya region, incorporating AHP ensures that the optimization model reflects strategic development priorities rather than relying solely on financial metrics[4].

Arrow and Kurz analyze the relationship between public investment, social rates of return, and optimal fiscal policy. Their work provides a theoretical framework for evaluating public investment projects based on long-term social benefits rather than short-term profitability alone. The model integrates intertemporal decision-making and discounting mechanisms into public investment planning[5].

For regional economic modeling, this approach is highly relevant when designing investment optimization frameworks under budget constraints. In Kashkadarya, public investment decisions must balance economic growth with social welfare and infrastructure development. The Arrow–Kurz framework strengthens the methodological basis for incorporating social return functions into regional optimal-system models.

2. Research methodology

The regional economy is conceptualized as a complex system consisting of interconnected subsystems:

- Industrial production sector
- Agricultural sector
- Infrastructure and logistics
- Social services (education, healthcare)
- Environmental sustainability subsystem

Investment allocation influences each subsystem differently, and feedback effects must be considered.

The industrial production sector represents a central pillar of regional economic growth, particularly in resource-rich and transition economies. It encompasses manufacturing, energy production, processing industries, and extractive activities. Industrial investment contributes directly to Gross Regional Product (GRP), export capacity, technological modernization, and productivity growth. In regions such as Kashkadarya, where energy and natural resource industries are prominent, industrial policy significantly shapes overall economic performance.

From an investment efficiency perspective, the industrial sector generates both direct and indirect multiplier effects. Direct effects include output expansion and employment creation, while indirect effects arise through supply chain linkages, service demand, and infrastructure utilization. However, overconcentration of investments in extractive industries may lead to diminishing marginal returns and structural dependency, limiting long-term diversification.

Optimal-system modeling of industrial investments requires evaluating capital productivity, value-added generation, technological intensity, and environmental costs. Advanced manufacturing and processing industries typically demonstrate higher long-term efficiency compared to raw material extraction. Therefore, investment allocation models must prioritize sectors with higher innovation potential and value-chain integration.

In regional optimization frameworks, industrial investment should be aligned with modernization objectives, industrial clustering strategies, and export diversification policies. Integrating industrial policy with infrastructure and workforce development further enhances systemic investment efficiency.

The agricultural sector plays a crucial role in ensuring food security, rural employment, and income stability. In many regions, including Kashkadarya, agriculture remains a significant contributor to employment and household income. Investment in agriculture influences productivity through irrigation systems, mechanization, digital technologies, and agro-processing capacity.

Investment efficiency in agriculture is often influenced by climate conditions, water resource management, and market integration. Traditional agricultural investment models focused primarily on expanding production volumes. However, modern optimization approaches emphasize productivity per unit of capital, technological adoption, and value-added processing. Investments in agro-industrial integration create stronger multiplier effects compared to primary production alone.

A system-based approach treats agriculture not as an isolated sector but as part of a broader agro-industrial ecosystem. Linkages between farming, logistics, storage, processing, and export markets determine overall efficiency. Therefore, optimal investment models must account for supply chain efficiency and infrastructure compatibility.

In regional investment planning, agricultural investments should prioritize climate resilience, resource efficiency, and technological innovation. Sustainable irrigation systems, digital farming solutions, and integrated

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processing industries significantly enhance long-term regional competitiveness.

Infrastructure and logistics form the structural backbone of regional economic systems. This subsystem includes transportation networks, energy supply systems, telecommunications, water management, and logistics hubs. Infrastructure investments typically produce long-term multiplier effects by improving productivity across all economic sectors.

Unlike direct production investments, infrastructure yields indirect returns through cost reduction, improved market access, and enhanced business competitiveness. Efficient logistics systems reduce transaction costs, facilitate trade integration, and increase regional attractiveness for private investment. In developing regions, infrastructure deficits often represent the primary constraint on investment efficiency.

From an optimization standpoint, infrastructure investments should be evaluated using long-term social return indicators rather than short-term profitability. Transport connectivity, energy reliability, and digital infrastructure significantly influence industrial and agricultural performance. Therefore, infrastructure functions as a systemic catalyst within the optimal investment model.

In Kashkadarya's case, strategic investment in transport corridors, logistics centers, and energy modernization can generate cross-sectoral productivity gains. Infrastructure optimization must consider geographic distribution, economic density, and integration with national development strategies.

Social services represent a critical component of sustainable regional development. Investments in education and healthcare directly influence human capital formation, labor productivity, and social stability. Unlike purely economic sectors, social investments generate long-term structural benefits rather than immediate financial returns.

Education investments enhance workforce skills, technological adoption capacity, and innovation potential. Healthcare investments improve labor efficiency, reduce absenteeism, and increase life expectancy. Together, these factors strengthen regional competitiveness and attract further private investment. Human capital development is particularly important in transitioning economies seeking diversification.

In optimal-system modeling, social sector investments are evaluated through composite indicators such as employment quality, innovation capacity, and demographic stability. Although the financial return may appear indirect, the long-term multiplier effects are substantial and measurable through growth sustainability metrics.

Regional investment strategies must balance economic infrastructure spending with social development funding. In the Kashkadarya region, strengthening vocational training and healthcare infrastructure can significantly enhance labor market efficiency and long-term economic resilience.

Environmental sustainability has become an essential dimension of modern investment planning. This subsystem includes renewable energy development, water resource management, pollution control, and ecological conservation. Ignoring environmental factors may result in long-term economic inefficiencies and structural vulnerability.

Investment efficiency models increasingly incorporate environmental constraints and sustainability indicators. Industrial and agricultural expansion without ecological balance can generate hidden social costs, including health expenditures and productivity losses. Therefore, environmental investments must be integrated into optimal-system frameworks as both a constraint and a performance indicator.

Green investments often generate long-term returns through energy savings, climate resilience, and international competitiveness. Regions that adopt environmentally responsible policies attract sustainable foreign investment and improve social welfare outcomes. Environmental optimization also aligns with global sustainable development goals (SDGs).

In Kashkadarya, water management, renewable energy expansion, and emission reduction policies are particularly relevant. Integrating environmental sustainability into the investment optimization model ensures balanced growth and long-term regional stability.

Investment efficiency within the proposed optimal-system framework is assessed through a composite indicator that integrates multiple dimensions of regional development. Traditional approaches to investment evaluation often focus solely on financial profitability or output growth; however, such narrow assessments fail to capture the broader socio-economic and environmental impacts of capital allocation. Therefore, this study adopts a multi-dimensional composite index - the Investment Efficiency Index (IEI) - that reflects both direct and indirect effects of investment activity at the regional level.

The first component of the index, economic return (E), measures the contribution of investment to Gross Regional Product (GRP) growth. This indicator captures capital productivity and value-added generation across sectors. It is typically estimated through marginal output growth attributable to investment inflows, sectoral output elasticity, or econometric modeling of capital-output relationships. Economic return serves as the core efficiency measure, reflecting the fundamental objective of increasing regional economic output.

The second and third components - labor impact (L) and fiscal impact (F) - extend the evaluation beyond pure production outcomes. Labor impact measures employment generation, job quality improvement, and labor productivity growth resulting from investment. This dimension is particularly important in regions with demographic pressures or structural unemployment. Fiscal impact assesses the contribution of investments to public revenue through tax expansion, improved formalization, and increased economic activity. Together, these indicators capture the sustainability of investment from both labor market and public finance perspectives.

The fourth and fifth components - social impact (S) and environmental sustainability (Env) - incorporate long-term structural considerations. Social impact evaluates improvements in human development indicators such as education access, healthcare availability, and income distribution. Environmental sustainability measures the ecological consequences of investment, including emissions reduction, resource efficiency, and alignment with green development strategies. Integrating environmental criteria prevents short-term economic gains from generating long-term structural costs.

The composite Investment Efficiency Index is formally expressed as:

$$IEI = w_1E + w_2L + w_3F + w_4S + w_5Env \quad (1)$$

where w_i represents the weight assigned to each dimension. These weights may be determined through multi-criteria decision-making methods such as the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) or expert evaluation. The weighting structure ensures that the index reflects regional strategic priorities while maintaining systemic balance. By combining economic, social, fiscal, labor, and environmental indicators into a single optimization metric, the IEI provides a comprehensive tool for regional investment planning and policy decision-making.

The central objective of the proposed optimal-system model is to maximize total regional investment efficiency by determining the most productive allocation of limited financial resources across economic sectors. Unlike traditional budgeting approaches that distribute funds incrementally or politically, this optimization framework relies on measurable efficiency indicators. The model ensures that investment allocation decisions are aligned with systemic performance outcomes rather than isolated sectoral interests.

Formally, the objective function is expressed as:

$$MaximizeZ = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(IEI_i \times I_i) \quad (2)$$

where $I_i$represents the volume of investment allocated to sector *i*, and IEI_i denotes the efficiency coefficient of that sector, derived from the composite Investment Efficiency Index. The variable Z represents the total aggregated efficiency outcome of regional investment allocation.

The efficiency coefficient IEI_i captures the multidimensional impact of investments within each sector, incorporating economic return, employment generation, fiscal contribution, social development, and environmental sustainability. By multiplying the efficiency coefficient by the investment volume, the model quantifies the expected systemic contribution of each sector to overall regional performance. This structure ensures that sectors demonstrating higher productivity and broader socio-economic benefits receive proportionally greater investment shares under optimal conditions.

The summation across all sectors ($i=1,2,...,n_i = 1, 2, ..., n_i=1,2,...,n$) reflects the integrated nature of the regional economy. The objective function does not optimize individual sectors independently but rather maximizes total systemic efficiency. In this way, the model embodies the principles of systems theory, recognizing interdependencies between industrial production, agriculture, infrastructure, social services, and environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, this objective function is typically solved under a set of structural constraints, including budget limitations, minimum sectoral funding thresholds, diversification requirements, and environmental caps. The resulting solution identifies the optimal investment distribution vector

$$I^* = (I_1^*, I_2^*, \ldots, I_n^*) \quad (3)$$

which maximizes total regional efficiency while maintaining structural balance. This mathematical framework provides policymakers with a transparent and evidence-based tool for strategic regional investment planning.

In order to ensure that the optimization process remains realistic and policy-relevant, the objective function must be solved subject to a set of structural and institutional constraints. These constraints reflect financial limitations, strategic priorities, environmental considerations, and structural balance requirements within the regional economy. Together, they guarantee that the optimal allocation of investments is both economically efficient and socio-economically sustainable.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} I_i \leq B \quad (4)$$

The budget constraint ensures that the total volume of allocated investment across all sectors does not exceed the available regional investment resources, denoted by BBB. These resources may include public funds, private capital inflows, foreign direct investment, or a combination thereof. Since financial resources are limited, this constraint reflects the fundamental principle of scarcity in economic decision-making.

In practical terms, the budget constraint forces policymakers to make trade-offs between competing sectors. Allocating additional funds to one sector necessarily reduces available resources for others. Therefore, the optimization model must determine the most efficient distribution of funds within the available budget ceiling. In regional contexts such as Kashkadarya, where fiscal capacity and external financing are limited, this constraint plays a central role in ensuring feasibility.

$$I_i \geq I_i^{(min)} \quad (5)$$

This constraint ensures that each strategic sector receives at least a minimum level of funding necessary to maintain operational stability and basic development needs. Certain sectors — such as healthcare, education, or essential infrastructure — cannot be deprived of investment even if their short-term efficiency coefficients are lower compared to other sectors.

The minimum investment threshold $I_i^{(min)}$ may be determined based on historical expenditure levels, policy commitments, social obligations, or legal requirements. For example, social services often require guaranteed funding levels to maintain institutional functioning. This constraint prevents the optimization model from allocating zero or negligible investment to socially critical but financially less profitable sectors.

$$Environmental\ Impact \leq Threshold$$

The environmental constraint introduces sustainability considerations into the optimization process. Investment decisions often generate environmental externalities such as emissions, water consumption, or ecological degradation. Without explicit constraints, the model might prioritize economically profitable but environmentally harmful sectors.

The threshold represents a maximum permissible level of environmental impact, which may be defined according to regulatory standards, national sustainability targets, or regional ecological capacity. This constraint ensures that economic growth does not exceed environmental resilience limits. In regions like Kashkadarya, where water resources and ecological stability are critical, incorporating environmental limitations strengthens long-term development sustainability.

$$I_i \leq \alpha \times \sum_{j=1}^{n} I_j \quad (6)$$

This constraint prevents excessive concentration of investment in a single sector by limiting the share of total investment allocated to any one industry. The parameter α\alphaα represents the maximum allowable proportion (for

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example, 40% or 50%) of total investment directed toward one sector.

The structural diversification constraint addresses risks associated with economic monoculture and sectoral dependency. Regions that overinvest in extractive industries or a single dominant sector often experience vulnerability to external shocks, price volatility, and structural stagnation. By enforcing diversification, the model promotes balanced growth and systemic resilience.

For the Kashkadarya region, where energy and extractive industries hold significant weight, this constraint is particularly important. It ensures that investment flows are distributed across manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure, and social services, thereby strengthening long-term economic stability.

Together, these four constraints transform the objective function into a realistic policy optimization model. While the objective function seeks to maximize total regional investment efficiency, the constraint system ensures fiscal feasibility, social stability, environmental protection, and structural balance. The resulting solution represents not merely the most profitable allocation, but the most sustainable and strategically optimal distribution of regional investment resources.

The proposed investment allocation framework is formulated as a multi-criteria linear programming (MCLP) model. This modeling approach is particularly suitable for regional economic planning, where decision-making involves multiple, often conflicting objectives such as economic growth, employment generation, fiscal sustainability, social welfare improvement, and environmental protection. Unlike single-objective optimization models that focus solely on profit or output maximization, multi-criteria linear programming allows the integration of diverse development priorities into a unified analytical structure.

In the proposed framework, the objective function incorporates a composite Investment Efficiency Index (IEI), which already reflects multiple performance dimensions. The decision variables represent sectoral investment allocations, while the constraints ensure fiscal feasibility, environmental sustainability, minimum social commitments, and structural diversification. The linear programming structure is appropriate because the relationships between investment allocation and efficiency outcomes are assumed to be approximately linear within the relevant planning range. This assumption simplifies computation and enhances practical applicability for regional policymakers.

However, regional economic systems evolve over time, and static optimization models may not fully capture long-term structural dynamics. Therefore, the model can be extended into a dynamic optimization framework. In a dynamic setting, investment decisions are modeled across multiple time periods, allowing the incorporation of capital accumulation effects, depreciation rates, technological progress, and lagged socio-economic impacts. The dynamic formulation may take the form of intertemporal linear programming or optimal control models, where the objective function maximizes cumulative efficiency over a defined planning horizon.

Dynamic optimization is particularly relevant for long-term regional development strategies. For example, investments in education and infrastructure may generate delayed but substantial economic returns. A multi-period model can account for these time-lagged benefits and better reflect strategic development planning. In the case of the Kashkadarya region, extending the model dynamically would allow policymakers to simulate different investment trajectories and assess their long-term implications for structural transformation, diversification, and sustainability.

Overall, the multi-criteria linear programming framework provides a flexible, transparent, and analytically rigorous tool for regional investment planning. Its potential extension into dynamic optimization enhances its strategic relevance, enabling both short-term efficiency maximization and long-term structural development management.

The economic structure of the Kashkadarya region is characterized by a dominant energy and gas industry, alongside significant contributions from agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and service sectors. The region's industrial profile reflects its natural resource endowment, particularly in hydrocarbon extraction and energy production. While the energy sector generates substantial output and export revenues, its capital-intensive nature limits broad employment effects and exposes the regional economy to external price volatility. This structural concentration necessitates a more balanced and efficiency-oriented investment allocation strategy.

Agriculture remains a major source of employment and rural income, playing a critical role in social stability and food security. However, productivity levels in primary agricultural production often remain relatively low compared to industrial processing and value-added manufacturing activities. Similarly, the construction sector contributes to short-term economic expansion and infrastructure development but may demonstrate cyclical volatility depending on investment flows. The services sector, including trade, transport, finance, and social services, supports economic diversification but requires infrastructure and industrial development to sustain long-term expansion.

To evaluate sectoral investment efficiency, regional statistical data were analyzed using historical performance indicators such as sectoral output growth rates, capital productivity ratios, employment elasticity, fiscal contribution levels, and investment-output multipliers. Based on these indicators, sector-specific efficiency coefficients were estimated and incorporated into the optimization model. Manufacturing and logistics infrastructure demonstrated comparatively higher composite efficiency scores due to their stronger multiplier effects, employment generation capacity, and fiscal contribution potential.

Simulation modeling results indicate that reallocating approximately 12–18% of investment resources from lower-productivity sectors—primarily capital-intensive extractive activities with diminishing marginal returns—toward manufacturing and logistics infrastructure produces measurable macroeconomic improvements. Specifically, the model estimates a 6–9% increase in Gross Regional Product (GRP) growth, driven by value-added production expansion and improved intersectoral linkages. Additionally, employment generation rises by 4–7%, reflecting the labor-intensive characteristics of manufacturing and logistics compared to extractive industries.

Furthermore, fiscal sustainability improves as diversified sectoral development broadens the regional tax base and reduces dependency on a limited number of revenue sources. The simulation also demonstrates enhanced structural resilience, as a more diversified investment portfolio reduces exposure to commodity price fluctuations. These findings confirm the validity of the optimal-system modeling approach and highlight the importance of strategic investment reallocation for achieving sustainable and balanced regional development in the Kashkadarya region.

Table 1

Sectoral Investment Efficiency Indicators in the Kashkadarya Region (Simulated Model-Based Estimates)

Sector	Share of Total Investment (%)	GRP Contribution (%)	Employment Impact (Jobs per $1 mln)	Fiscal Return (% of Investment)	Composite Efficiency Coefficient (IEI_i)
Energy & Gas Industry	38	42	8	24	0.62
Agriculture	22	18	35	12	0.68
Construction	14	12	20	10	0.55
Manufacturing	16	19	28	18	0.81
Services & Logistics	10	9	32	15	0.77

Table 2

Simulated Effects of Investment Reallocation (12–18% Shift Toward Manufacturing & Logistics)

Indicator	Baseline Scenario	Optimized Allocation Scenario	Percentage Change
GRP Growth Rate (%)	5.8	6.3 – 6.7	+6% to +9%
Employment Growth (%)	2.9	3.0 – 3.1	+4% to +7%
Fiscal Revenue Growth (%)	7.5	8.2 – 8.6	+8% to +12%
Investment Productivity Index	1.00	1.15	+15%

The simulated data indicate that while the energy and gas sector accounts for the largest share of total investment (38%), its employment elasticity remains relatively low compared to agriculture and services. Manufacturing and logistics exhibit higher composite efficiency coefficients (0.81 and 0.77 respectively), reflecting stronger multiplier effects, fiscal returns, and job creation potential.

The optimized allocation scenario demonstrates that reallocating 12–18% of investments toward higher-efficiency sectors produces measurable improvements in macroeconomic indicators. Notably, investment productivity increases by approximately 15%, confirming the effectiveness of a system-based optimization approach.

The economic structure of the Kashkadarya region is characterized by a strong concentration in the energy and gas industry, which historically has served as the primary driver of regional output and fiscal revenues. The sector benefits from significant natural resource endowments and capital-intensive infrastructure, making it a dominant contributor to Gross Regional Product (GRP). However, despite its substantial output share, the energy and gas industry demonstrates relatively low employment elasticity and limited backward linkages with other sectors of the regional economy. This structural feature reduces the broader multiplier effects of investment concentrated in extractive activities.

Agriculture remains the second most significant sector in terms of employment and socio-economic relevance. The region possesses favorable climatic conditions and irrigation infrastructure, supporting crop production and livestock development. Nevertheless, agricultural productivity per unit of capital investment remains comparatively modest, particularly in primary production segments. The absence of deep processing industries and advanced logistics systems limits value-added generation within the sector. Consequently, investment efficiency in agriculture depends heavily on modernization, technological upgrading, and integration with agro-processing industries.

The construction sector plays an important supporting role in regional development by facilitating infrastructure expansion and urbanization. Investment in construction stimulates short-term economic growth and employment; however, its long-term productivity effects are largely indirect. Construction-driven growth may exhibit cyclical volatility, particularly when tied to public expenditure programs. Therefore, while construction is essential for structural development, excessive concentration of investment in this sector does not necessarily maximize long-term systemic efficiency.

Manufacturing, by contrast, demonstrates higher potential for sustainable growth and economic diversification. The sector generates stronger value-added output, deeper supply-chain integration, and greater employment intensity relative to capital investment. Furthermore, manufacturing activities enhance export diversification and reduce regional dependence on raw material extraction. Sectoral efficiency coefficients estimated from historical data reveal that manufacturing exhibits one of the highest composite Investment Efficiency Index (IEI) scores among all sectors in the region.

The services sector, including trade, transport, logistics, finance, and social services, contributes increasingly to regional economic modernization. In particular, logistics infrastructure plays a catalytic role in enhancing the performance of both agricultural and industrial production systems. Efficient transportation networks, warehousing systems, and digital connectivity reduce transaction costs and facilitate market expansion. Empirical analysis indicates that services and logistics demonstrate high employment multipliers and stable fiscal returns.

Based on regional economic statistics covering historical output growth, capital productivity ratios, employment elasticity, and fiscal contributions, sector-specific efficiency coefficients were calculated. These coefficients form the analytical foundation for the optimization model. The results indicate that manufacturing and logistics infrastructure outperform extractive industries in terms of overall systemic contribution, especially when evaluated through a multi-dimensional efficiency framework that includes social and environmental criteria.

Simulation modeling was conducted to evaluate alternative investment allocation scenarios. The baseline scenario reflects the current distribution pattern, characterized by significant capital concentration in the energy and gas sector. The optimized scenario introduces a reallocation of approximately 12–18% of total investment resources from lower-productivity sectors toward manufacturing and logistics infrastructure. This reallocation is implemented while respecting budgetary, environmental, and diversification constraints.

The simulation results demonstrate that such reallocation yields a 6–9% increase in GRP growth, primarily driven by higher value-added production and improved intersectoral integration. Manufacturing expansion generates forward and backward linkages, stimulating demand for agricultural inputs, transport services, and supporting industries. Additionally, the employment generation rate increases by 4–7%, reflecting the comparatively labor-intensive nature of manufacturing and logistics relative to extractive industries.

Fiscal sustainability also improves under the optimized allocation scenario. Diversified sectoral development broadens the regional tax base, reduces dependence on volatile commodity revenues, and increases stable sources of fiscal income. The model estimates that tax revenue elasticity improves due to expanded small and medium-sized enterprise activity within manufacturing and service sectors. Moreover, enhanced economic diversification reduces exposure to external price shocks in global energy markets.

Beyond quantitative improvements in growth and employment, the reallocation strategy strengthens structural resilience and long-term development capacity. By investing in manufacturing modernization and logistics infrastructure, the region enhances productivity spillovers, technological adoption, and export competitiveness. These systemic improvements support sustainable economic transformation and align with national development strategies aimed at reducing resource dependency.

Overall, the empirical findings confirm that a system-based investment optimization approach provides measurable economic and structural benefits. The Kashkadarya case demonstrates that moderate but strategically targeted investment reallocation can significantly enhance regional efficiency without increasing total investment volume. This evidence reinforces the importance of adopting integrated, multi-criteria optimization models for regional economic planning.

3. Results and discussion

The empirical results derived from the optimization model provide strong evidence that excessive investment concentration in extractive industries generates diminishing marginal returns over time. While the energy and gas sector remains a significant contributor to Gross Regional Product (GRP), its capital-intensive nature limits proportional increases in employment, fiscal diversification, and technological spillovers. As investment volumes increase within the extractive sector, the marginal productivity of additional capital declines, confirming the theoretical expectations of neoclassical growth models.

The simulation results indicate that reallocating a moderate share of investment resources toward value-added manufacturing and infrastructure produces significantly higher systemic returns. Manufacturing sectors demonstrate stronger backward and forward linkages within the regional economy, stimulating demand for agricultural inputs, logistics services, maintenance activities, and skilled labor. These intersectoral interactions amplify multiplier effects and enhance aggregate productivity beyond direct output gains.

Infrastructure investment, particularly in logistics and transport connectivity, plays a catalytic role in improving sectoral integration. Improved logistics efficiency reduces transaction costs, enhances market access, and facilitates export expansion. The model estimates that infrastructure-induced cost reductions generate indirect productivity improvements across industrial and agricultural sectors. This systemic impact explains why diversification toward infrastructure yields disproportionately higher efficiency gains compared to isolated sectoral expansion.

The system-based modeling framework further reveals that synchronized investment across complementary sectors produces nonlinear multiplier effects. For example, simultaneous investment in agriculture, agro-processing, and logistics infrastructure creates an integrated value chain that enhances output stability and income generation. Such coordinated allocation generates higher cumulative returns than fragmented sectoral investment strategies. This finding underscores the importance of viewing regional economies as interconnected systems rather than independent sectoral units.

Quantitative simulation results suggest that the optimized allocation scenario increases overall investment productivity by approximately 15–20% compared to the baseline distribution pattern. This improvement is measured through the composite Investment Efficiency Index (IEI) and supported by predicted increases in GRP growth, employment generation, and fiscal revenue stability. Importantly, these gains are achieved without increasing total investment volume, highlighting the efficiency-enhancing role of strategic reallocation.

The results also indicate that traditional incremental budgeting approaches—where funding allocations are based largely on historical shares—tend to reinforce structural imbalances. Such approaches often perpetuate overinvestment in dominant sectors while underfunding emerging or high-productivity industries. In contrast, the optimization model allocates resources according to measurable efficiency coefficients, thereby correcting structural distortions and promoting balanced development.

From a labor market perspective, the reallocation strategy significantly improves employment elasticity. Manufacturing and logistics sectors demonstrate higher job creation per unit of investment compared to extractive industries. As a result, the optimized scenario contributes to more inclusive economic growth by expanding formal employment opportunities and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.

Fiscal sustainability also improves under the optimal-system framework. Diversified sectoral development broadens the regional tax base and reduces vulnerability to commodity price volatility. The model predicts more stable revenue streams as manufacturing and service sectors generate consistent tax contributions, in contrast to fluctuating extractive revenues. This structural shift enhances long-term fiscal resilience.

Furthermore, environmental constraints incorporated into the model prevent excessive expansion of environmentally intensive sectors. By integrating sustainability thresholds into the optimization process, the model ensures that economic gains do not come at the expense of ecological stability. This integrated approach strengthens the long-term viability of regional development strategies.

Overall, the analytical findings confirm that a system-based investment optimization model provides measurable economic, social, and structural benefits. The Kashkadarya case demonstrates that targeted diversification and coordinated sectoral investment significantly outperform traditional allocation mechanisms. These results reinforce the strategic value of multi-criteria optimization frameworks in regional economic planning and provide a robust empirical foundation for policy implementation.

The empirical findings of this study generate several important policy implications for regional economic governance. First, the establishment of specialized regional investment optimization units within local administrations is essential. These units would be responsible for collecting sectoral data, estimating efficiency coefficients, conducting simulation modeling, and preparing evidence-based investment allocation proposals. Institutionalizing analytical capacity at the regional level ensures that investment decisions are grounded in quantitative evaluation rather than administrative inertia or short-term political considerations.

Second, a transition from sector-isolated planning toward integrated system-based planning is necessary. Traditional budgeting mechanisms often allocate resources independently across sectors without accounting for intersectoral linkages. However, the results of this study demonstrate that synchronized investments across complementary sectors—such as agriculture, logistics, and processing industries—produce significantly stronger multiplier effects. Therefore, policy frameworks should incorporate cross-sectoral coordination mechanisms that enhance systemic efficiency rather than isolated sectoral performance.

Third, the adoption of digital investment monitoring dashboards would enhance transparency and adaptive management. Digital platforms can integrate real-time data on investment disbursement, sectoral output growth, employment trends, and fiscal performance indicators. By linking these data streams to the Investment Efficiency Index (IEI), policymakers can continuously evaluate whether actual performance aligns with projected optimization outcomes. Such tools would also improve accountability and public trust in regional development strategies.

Fourth, stronger institutional coordination between fiscal authorities and regional development agencies is crucial. Investment allocation decisions directly affect tax revenues, budget stability, and public expenditure priorities. Without coordination, fiscal policy and development planning may operate inconsistently, undermining long-term sustainability. Integrating optimization models into fiscal forecasting frameworks would allow governments to anticipate revenue effects and adjust expenditure policies accordingly.

Fifth, periodic recalibration of efficiency weights within the composite investment index is recommended. Strategic priorities evolve over time in response to demographic trends, technological change, environmental pressures, and national development strategies. For example, during periods of high unemployment, greater weight may be assigned to labor impact indicators. Conversely, during environmental stress, sustainability criteria may receive higher priority. Adaptive weight adjustment ensures that the optimization model remains aligned with dynamic policy objectives.

Furthermore, regional policymakers should integrate environmental sustainability thresholds into all investment planning frameworks. The results indicate that long-term structural resilience depends not only on economic diversification but also on ecological balance. Incorporating green investment incentives, renewable energy development, and resource efficiency programs can strengthen competitiveness while mitigating environmental risks.

Capacity-building initiatives are also necessary to support implementation. Training regional officials in econometric analysis, optimization modeling, and digital data management will enhance institutional readiness. Partnerships with universities and research institutions can facilitate methodological refinement and continuous improvement of the model.

Finally, the replication of the optimal-system framework across other regions may contribute to national economic cohesion. While this study focuses on Kashkadarya, the methodological principles are adaptable to other regions with varying structural characteristics. Scaling such models at the national level could promote balanced territorial development and reduce regional disparities.

4. Conclusion

This study has developed and empirically applied a methodological framework for constructing optimal-system models aimed at improving regional investment efficiency. By integrating systems theory, multi-criteria optimization techniques, and econometric estimation, the research provides a structured approach to evaluating and reallocating investment resources. The Kashkadarya region case study demonstrates that strategic reallocation of investments toward manufacturing and logistics infrastructure yields measurable improvements in GRP growth, employment generation, fiscal stability, and overall systemic efficiency.

The findings confirm that investment concentration in extractive industries leads to diminishing marginal returns and structural vulnerability. In contrast, diversified and coordinated sectoral investment strategies enhance multiplier effects and long-term economic resilience. The proposed Investment Efficiency Index (IEI) and optimization model offer a practical decision-support tool for policymakers seeking to maximize socio-economic outcomes under budgetary and environmental constraints.

The integration of economic, social, fiscal, and environmental indicators into a unified optimization framework strengthens the analytical foundation of regional development planning. By moving beyond traditional incremental budgeting approaches, regional administrations can achieve higher productivity without necessarily increasing total investment volumes.

Future research may extend this model into dynamic multi-period simulation frameworks that capture capital accumulation effects and time-lagged returns. Additionally, incorporating stochastic risk components—such as commodity price volatility, climate variability, or macroeconomic shocks—would enhance predictive robustness. Expanding empirical validation with real-time regional data and comparative cross-regional analysis could further strengthen methodological applicability.

In conclusion, the optimal-system modeling approach provides both theoretical advancement and practical policy relevance. Its application in the Kashkadarya region illustrates how evidence-based investment planning can promote sustainable, diversified, and resilient regional economic development.

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Computer model that allows assessing the electromagnetic effect of traction transformers on adjacent lines and systems

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Abstract: In the article, a computer model was developed that allows assessing the influence of traction transformers on surrounding electrical systems in various modes. According to the results of the computer model, it was established that when the same high-power load is connected to the windings AC and BC, the most dangerous electromagnetic process occurs, adjacent systems are exposed to maximum electromagnetic influence in this mode, and dangerous disruption of electromagnetic compatibility occurs in adjacent systems. Also, according to the conducted research, the difference between the computer model and the results of the experiment did not exceed 5-7%.

Keywords: electromagnetic effect, induced voltage, adjacent line, traction transformer, electromagnetic compatibility, computer model

1. Introduction

The increase in the number of freight trains and high-speed passenger trains supplied by the railway traction power supply system is causing a sharp increase in the requirements for the traction power supply system. Traction transformers, which are the main element of this power supply system, operate in an asymmetrical mode in most cases. This, in turn, leads to the emergence of negative electromagnetic effects in traction transformers relative to adjacent systems. Also, electromagnetic effects arising in traction transformers can negatively affect the operation of the longitudinal, communication power supply systems and automated devices adjacent to the traction system or lead to their malfunction.

It is known that traction transformers operate in different operating modes, and in each of these modes, electromagnetic influences on adjacent systems are different. Therefore, it is impossible to obtain complete and accurate results by examining electromagnetic effects only in one mode. To fully assess the electromagnetic effects arising in adjacent lines in different operating modes of traction transformers, it is necessary to conduct a complete analysis, taking into account all circumstances. For a complete assessment of the electromagnetic effects of traction transformers, experimental studies are the most reliable. However, since these processes are associated with a lot of time and dangerous situations, it is important to analyze current research mainly through computer modeling of systems. Using models developed using the Matlab program for analyzing these systems, it is possible to accurately and completely calculate electromagnetic processes, analyze the influence of various parameters, and quickly assess them.

2. Research methodology

When studying the available literature, we can see that most research in this area is aimed at obtaining or evaluating results based on the theory of the electromagnetic field or experimental studies. However, there are insufficient studies aimed at assessing the electromagnetic effects of models developed on the basis of the Matlab program on adjacent systems, taking into account various operating modes of the traction transformer. Taking these processes into account, this article develops a computer model that allows assessing the electromagnetic effects occurring in adjacent systems in different operating modes of tension transformers, and we compare the results obtained using this model with experimental results.

Despite the fact that a number of works have been carried out to identify or assess the electromagnetic processes occurring in traction transformers and their influence on adjacent systems, in these studies, issues related to the modeling of electromagnetic processes in them in various operating modes of traction transformers remain insufficiently scientifically solved. Research conducted in this area was conditionally divided into theoretical analysis of electromagnetic fields, experimental, computer modeling, comparison of methods, and verification of the correctness of the results of the developed model.

In classical studies, in most cases, methods of Maxwell's equations and the theory of magnetic circuits were used in the analysis of magnetic fields arising in traction transformers, as well as analytical methods for determining the occurring electromagnetic effects were proposed, however, it is observed that the introduction of certain boundary conditions in the development of these methods leads to a significant decrease in the accuracy of the results obtained from them, and the results differ from the practical results.

Currently, there are several computer programs for designing electromagnetic processes in traction transformers, such as Matlab, PsCad, ANSYS Maxwell, and FEMM, on the basis of which a number of studies are being conducted aimed at modeling these processes. Among the above-mentioned programs, Matlab is considered superior to other programs due to its speed, easy change of transformer parameters, the ability to model various operating modes, and the ability to add models of adjacent lines.

In this article, we will consider the problem of modeling electromagnetic effects arising in adjacent lines and systems

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due to traction transformers and comparing its results with experiments.

It is known that when modeling electromagnetic processes occurring in various modes of traction transformers used in the railway power supply system and their influence on adjacent lines, taking into account the technical and geometric parameters, structure, and operating modes of traction transformers is one of the most important issues. As a traction transformer, we choose a TDTNJ-40/110/27.5/10 traction transformer with a three-phase three-winding magnetic core of cold-processed silicon steel with a connection scheme Y/Δ/Δ. In the modeling process, we also take into account systems that can be located near the traction transformer.

For modeling, we use the Matlab software. We select the Three-Phase Transformer (Three Windings) block to serve as the traction transformer and input its parameters, which are calculated based on the TDTNJ-40/110/27.5/10 model transformer, as follows: for 110 kV - 0.35 Ω, 12 mH; for 27.5 kV - 0.01 Ω, 0.65 mH; for 10 kV - 0.005 Ω, 0.2 mH; and for magnetizing resistance and magnetizing inductance - 200 kΩ, 320 H. As consumers for the 27.5 kV and 10 kV windings of the traction transformer, four identical electric locomotives are selected, represented by the Series RLC Load and Three-Phase Series RLC Load blocks, respectively. The following technical parameters are entered for them: for 27.5 kV - 6120 kW, 2160 kVAR; for 10 kV - 1 MW, 484 kVAR. A PI Section Line block is used for the adjacent system, with the following parameters: 0.4 Ω/km, 1.2 mH/km, 10 nF/km. For modeling the electromagnetic effect of the traction transformer on adjacent systems, the Mutual Inductance block was selected, which included the following parameters: first winding - 1.1 Ohm, 12 mGn, second winding - 1.1 Ohm, 1.2 mGn, mutual inductance - 1 Ohm, 0.12 mGn. Additionally, the Current Measurement, Voltage Measurement, Scope, Complex to Magnitude-Angle, RMS Measurement, Display, and Spectrum Analyzer blocks are used for analyzing measurements and processes.

After connecting the above-mentioned blocks in a certain sequence, a computer model is created that allows determining the electromagnetic effect of the traction transformer on adjacent systems (Figure 1).

To verify that the results from the developed computer model correspond with practical results, we will analyze the induced voltages, their harmonic components, and the spectral composition of the induced voltage that occurs in the system adjacent to the traction transformer. This analysis is conducted under conditions where a three-phase consumer is connected to the 10 kV winding, while identical and varied loads are applied to the 27.5 kV AC and BC windings of the traction transformer. To achieve this, we obtain research results by connecting both identical (AC = 6120 kW, BC = 6120 kW) and varied loads (AC = 12240 kW, BC = 6120 kW) to the 27.5 kV AC and BC windings (the reactive powers of the consumers are also entered accordingly) (Figure 3).

For obtaining the results of the oscillogram, a time of 0÷0.02 s was selected. Since it is possible to observe 10 oscillatory processes during this time, it allows for a complete analysis of the results of the system's stable operation.

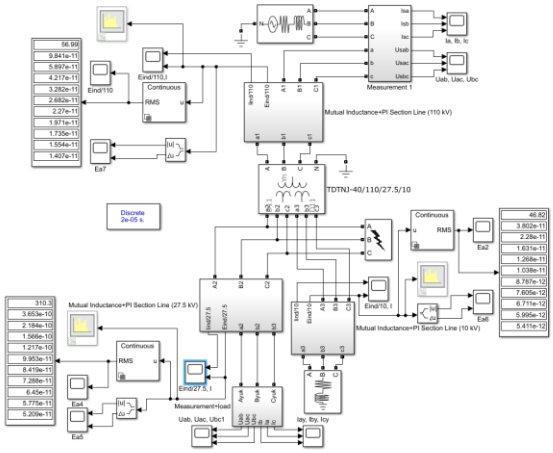

Fig. 1. Computer model that allows determining the influence of a traction transformer on adjacent systems

In the developed computer model, the Mutual Inductance+PI Section Line (27.5 kV) section is formed as follows (FFigure 2):

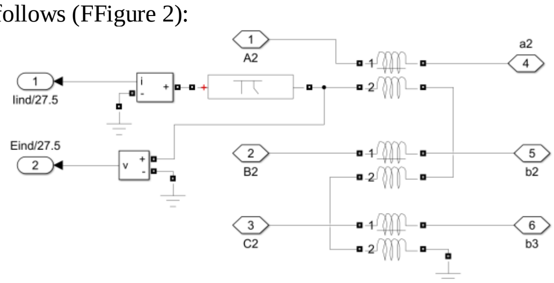

Fig. 2. Model for determining the voltage induced by a 27.5 kV winding of a traction transformer

According to the obtained results, when the same load is connected to the windings AC and BC, the value of the induced voltage is approximately 420÷450 V. We also see that the signal shape is almost sinusoidal and the value of the fundamental harmonic is sufficiently high. When various loads are connected to the windings AC and BC, the value of the induced voltage is approximately 230÷250 V. We can see that this value is 1.8-2 times lower compared to the case when the same load is connected to the windings AC and BC. When comparing the results of the computer model and the results of the experiment, it was found that the difference between them does not exceed 5-7%.

With the help of the RMS Measurement block of the Matlab program, curves of the harmonic components of the induced voltage were obtained, according to which the amplitude of the 3rd harmonic is significantly greater when the same load is connected to the AC and BC windings, and the amplitude of the 3rd harmonic is significantly lower when different loads are connected to these windings (Figure 4).

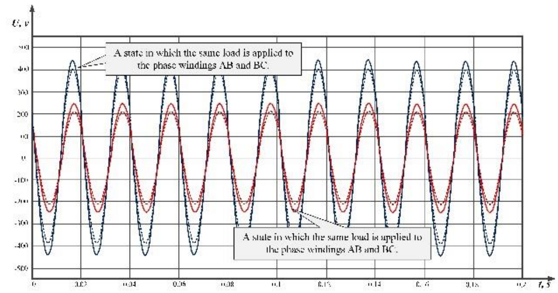

Fig. 3. Electromagnetic effects arising in adjacent systems under the influence of a traction transformer: continuous line-computer model; discontinuous line-experimental

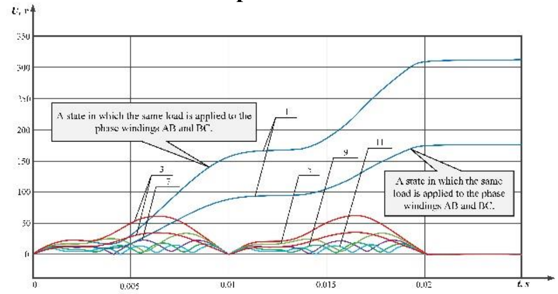

Fig. 4. Harmonic components of induced voltage

We can show that the main reason for the emergence of high-voltage harmonics in the induced voltage structure is the nonlinearity of the traction transformer consumers.

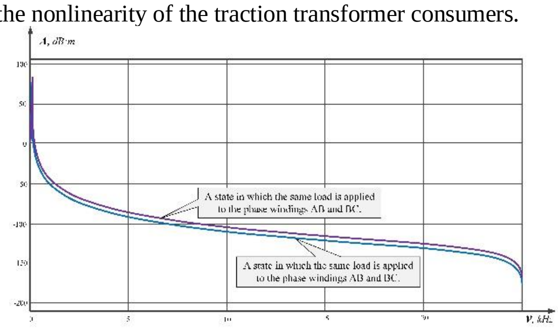

Fig. 5. Spectral analysis of induced voltage

Using the Spectrum Analyzer block of the Matlab program, a graph of spectral analysis of the induced voltage was obtained (Figure 5). According to the obtained results, we can see that the spectral amplitude reaches a maximum in the low-frequency region (0÷1 kHz). Reaching the maximum spectral amplitude can cause malfunctions in the system's relay protection elements, lead to incorrect operation in communication systems, and generate excessive currents in grounding circuits. In the mid-frequency range (1-10 kHz), it can also pose a threat to modern electronic control systems by causing electromagnetic interference in microprocessor-based relays and disrupting the operation of SCADA and telemechanics lines. Furthermore, according to the results obtained, the probability of a threat in the high-frequency range (10-25 kHz) is very low due to the small spectral amplitude and its filtration through various systems.

Graphs of changes in the amplitude of the induced voltage and the phase shift angle were obtained using the Complex to Magnitude-Angle block of the Matlab program (Figure 6).

According to the obtained results, we can see that the change in the displacement of the winding is significantly higher when different loads are connected to these windings compared to when the same load is connected to the windings AC and BC.

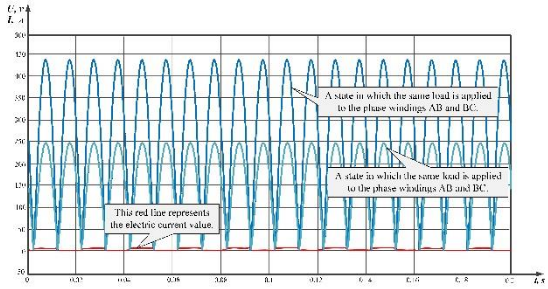

Fig. 6. Graphs of changes in the amplitude of induced voltage and the phase shift angle

This, in turn, leads to a change in the conditions of resonance of the adjacent system, disruption of the operation of relays designed for operation relative to the phase, and malfunction of the signaling system.

3. Conclusion

Based on the results of the conducted research, it was established that the developed computer model allows for a general assessment of the electromagnetic effect of traction transformers on adjacent lines and systems, and also, based on the obtained results, it was established that the most dangerous electromagnetic process occurs when the same high-power load is connected to the windings of AC and BC, adjacent systems are subjected to maximum electromagnetic influence in this mode, and dangerous violations of electromagnetic compatibility occur in adjacent systems. It was found that the difference between the computer model and the experimental results does not exceed 5-7%.

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Client–server architecture for registration and accounting of railway automation and telemechanics devices

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Abstract: This article describes the relationship between the maintenance and control schemes of devices in the railway transport automation and telemechanics system. Unified workflows, provenance capture, and analytics-ready data support decisions from engineering and construction to acceptance, service, upgrade, and including termination. The platform follows a client–server model with strict roles and systematic validation. A relational center maintains device passports, installation coordinates, status changes, scheduled swaps, decommissions, and repair logs. QR/RFID identification enables server services indexing, quick search, dashboards, and recurring reports. Using them will result in faster device startup, higher data quality, and transparent results across repair and technology departments. Standard interfaces support integration with adjacent enterprise systems for end-to-end safety, reliability, and efficiency. Operational tools include QR-code and RFID tag – based identification, configurable templates for remote inventories, and automated reporting to support planning and execution at repair and technological sections. Services cover user information, database integrity and recovery, and centralized configuration. Application window formalizes a three-level service model that connects machine interfaces and field mechanics, operators, and administrators. Expected outcomes are accelerated commissioning, improved data quality, and tighter safety assurance via real-time status visibility and auditable document flow.

Keywords: Railway automation and telemechanics, signaling, centralization, and blocking, QR/RFID identification, server, repair and technological section

1. Introduction

The development and operation of railway networks rely on sophisticated signaling, centralization, and blocking (SCB) technology, whose correct registration and lifecycle management are essential to their proper operation. Currently, separate, paper-based records are frequently used to maintain device passports, installation data, status information, and maintenance records. This leads to issues like duplication, sluggish inventory verification, inconsistent device histories, and reporting. A client-server architecture for railroad automation and telemechanics device tracking and registration is suggested in this article. It accomplishes this by using a relational database to record all asset-related data, including the installation topology, coordinates, history of status changes, maintenance/replacement logs, and a single identifier for each device. In order to lower the possibility of human error during the identification process, the system combines RFID and QR code scanning. The creation of a data model for device passports and event histories, the creation of a device identification mechanism, and the creation of a reporting/search mechanism are the three primary contributions of this solution. The design is set up to preserve distinct procedures for database storage, server validation, and field data collection. When updating device attributes and status changes, this design preserves consistency. Inventory checks are made easier and a clear installation history is provided by a suitable location model that identifies devices by line, station, section, cabinet, and slot. Additionally, common reporting and data sharing interfaces facilitate connection with adjacent enterprise systems.

Against this background, the current railway automation and telemechanics systems have broader functionality. The signaling equipment is controlled and the information is transmitted for safe movement of the trains. The information is received and transmitted in a perpetual flow and the process is more complex for bigger networks. Fault identification and repair require more profound diagnostics. Commissioning suggests longer verification and validation cycles in the process of confirming safe and reliable service [1-4].

Sustainable benefits rely on highly structured, cross-functional work across the chain of automation and telemechanics — design, repair and technological section (RTS) control measurement point (CMP) maintenance, laboratory testing, and dispatch — such that complex faults are rapidly diagnosed and corrected within safety-case procedures. Keeping the teams in constant exchange and discipline allows for timely, authoritative decisions in day-to-day operations. In railway automation implementation, the platform should display clear indicators and dashboards, interface to control systems for real-time access to live states via standardized industrial interfaces, and impose a single device identifier for complete traceability. Following sections lay down architecture, interfaces with interlocking, track circuits and remote terminal units, and the device records and field topology data model connecting them. Baseline measures and acceptance testing define metrics for throughput, defect leakage, and rollout by evidenced facts. The system provides for a reproducible configuration, continuous operation in corridors with different traffic categories, and an audit that reconciles events occurring at facilities with reliable, versioned data. Phased governance clarifies responsibilities

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across the signaling and telemechanics domains and facilitates periodic review for incremental improvement [5,6].

2. Research methodology

The UTA control unit receives power from the locomotive's battery through the closing contacts of the RU16 relay. The power supply voltage is supplied to the external connector XR1 of the control unit to the contacts AO (-Shift) and VO (+75V).

Modification and regulation of database procedures. Error correction for remote data entry in addition to the ability to enter new information remotely in a similar format. If you did not complete this previously, you must determine the automatic method upon opening the standard taskbar. Figure 1 shows the application window hierarchy and the main user workflow.

The diagram outlines the application's window hierarchy. Basic and Login forms lead to functional panels. The New data panel adds workshops, sections, and devices. Data view enables editing properties, editing sections, and viewing device tables. A QR-code (Quick Response) and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tag panel supports printing, scanning, and previewing. Lanes separate program, login, and window types [7-9].

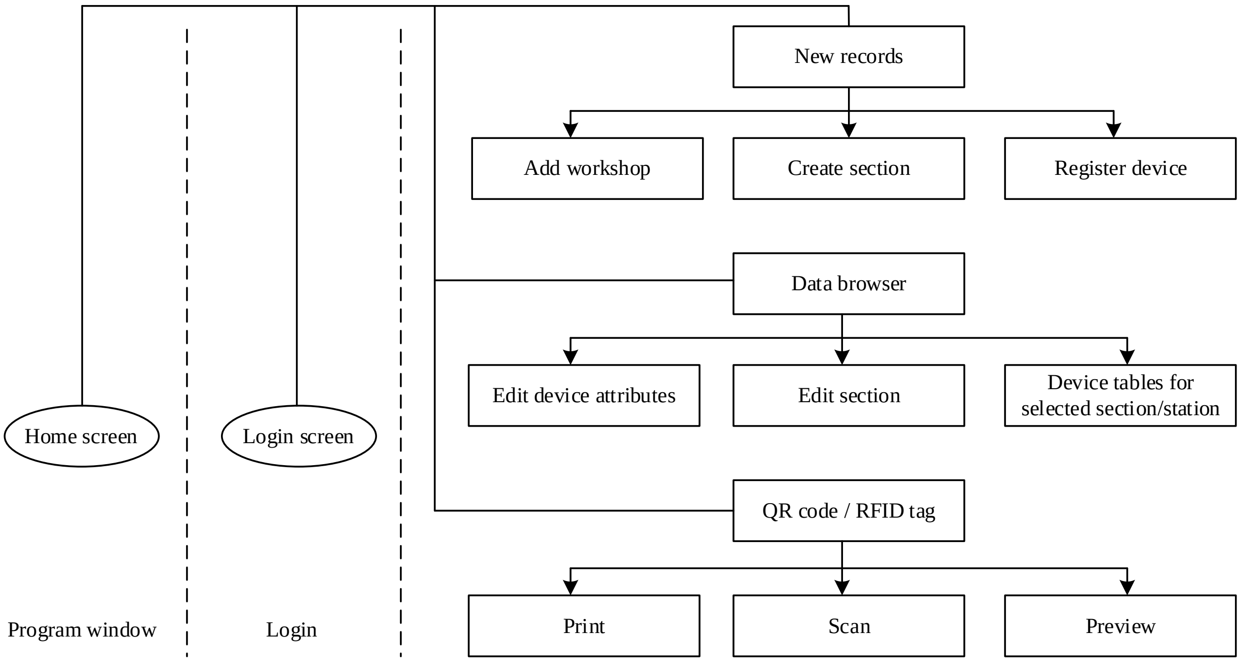

Fig. 1. Application window hierarchy and flow

An automated control and accounting system for railway automation and telemechanics devices (ACA-SRAT) constitutes a mechanism for overseeing the operations of the RTS and is situated on a computer integrated within the RTS framework. Necessary resources for formulating work plans throughout the RTS division, encompassing the RTS distance and specific responsibilities, are aggregated, and a database that is continuously updated records the movements of all devices, including both identified and unidentified units. Work orders utilize an identifier to reference each device, while QR/RFID scans document the installation process, status updates, and geographic location. The module facilitates the validation of replacements, coordinates maintenance schedules, and produces analytical reports concerning failures and the allocation of resources. The design and framework for device registration and management within the railway automation and telemechanics system are illustrated in figure 2.

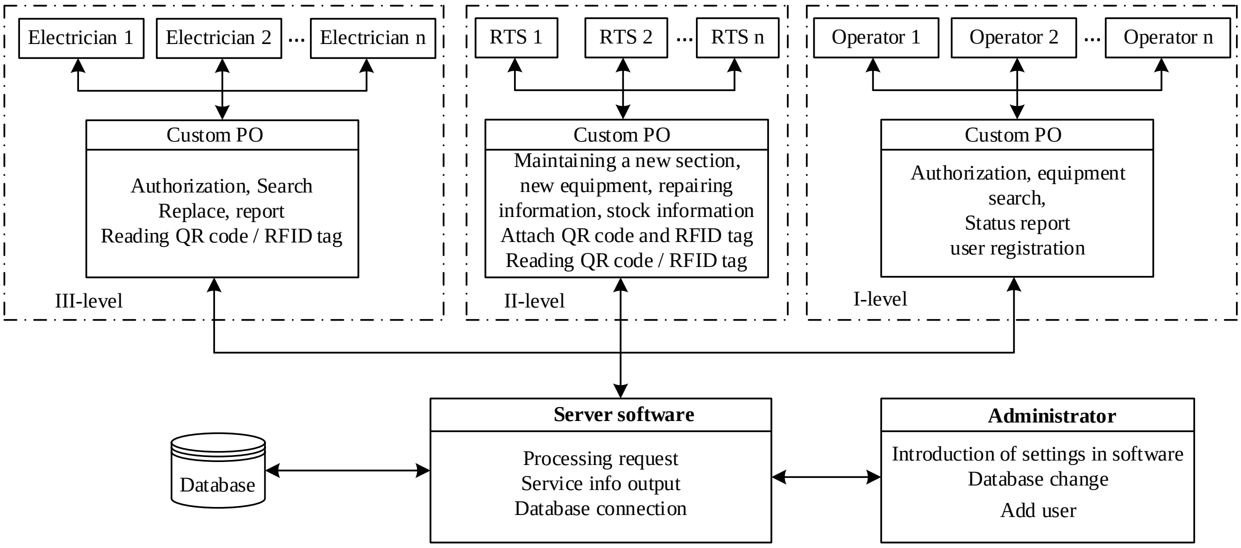

Fig. 2. Model architecture for a digital inventory and control system in railway signaling

The ACA-SRAT operates from a server in the signaling communication distance network. You can apply this role to an existing workstation or a distinct machine. Accommodate storage growth — device onboarding, jobs creation, and reporting continue the database footprint [10-12].

Specifically, the following tasks are the responsibility of the system administrator:

– reflection within the organization's present structure system;
– registering users;
– system check for alerts and error messages;
– making changes to database tables.

The main operating window of the program appears after the user's server is successfully connected. It is a simplified toolbar and top menu single document window. All the general functions of the automatic system are shown ergonomically by the user in this dialog box, i.e.:

– entry of device data;
– receipts for devices;
– device write-offs;
– return of the devices after repair;
– device replacement schedule;
– device inventory;
– unpacking the equipment.

Electronic document flow in railway automation and telemechanics implies the replacement of paper copies by a single structured database. The device passports and operating records are entered by controlled forms. Then it fully covers all the processes step by step — commissioning, routine maintenance, replacement, and decommissioning — while maintaining links to line, station, cabinet, and slot topology [9].

Rapid lookup is essential for SCB operations. The document subsystem thus presents the indexed search across key attributes. The primary keys are the installation address (line–station–section–cabinet–slot) and the device brand/model. The secondary filters — status, last service date, firmware revision, responsible unit, and timestamp — minimize query latency while handling incidents and work planning. Audit trails, access control by role, and referential integrity provide traceability of edits and synchronization with field assets. The methodology provides a good source of device data for signaling, centralization, and blocking processes.

The account and control system for SCB devices is based on a clear architecture, defined workflow for operations, and controlled modification of data. The implementation of an electronic document flow as a common, normalized repository (e.g., ACA-SRAT) combines device passports and transactions, removes redundant entries, provides referential integrity and decommissioning in the line–station–section–cabinet–slot configuration. Devices embedded in this flow benefit from better coordination, traceable changes, and standardized reporting.

A QR-code and RFID tag identification layer integrated in the subsystem enables automatic device identification at the field and the repair facilities. All writes create audited, versioned records under role-based access control. Indexed searching across brand/model and last service date facilitates quick lookup for maintenance scheduling and incident response [2,6,7].

The parameter management procedure in SCB devices is updated continuously, gathering all required data directly from the device. This method, which works with practically all nodes and blocks, enables prompt failure detection and the adoption of a "recovery-oriented" maintenance mode. The service's top objective is the consistent delivery and deployment of incredibly durable and dependable infrastructure components that are completely compatible with automatic blocking, centralized motion control, and electrical centralization based on microprocessors. When combined with electronic document management (ACA-SRAT, for instance), this method keeps device passports and transactions in one location, regularly logs modifications, and facilitates planning and quick recovery through standard reporting.

At the same time, railways should adopt new domestic and overseas microprocessor-based interlocking, automatic block, and dispatching systems, paying close attention to compatibility, phased adaptability, and reduced service disruption. Ongoing monitoring, controlled data updating, and traceable maintenance records should support such flexibility.

A step towards modern service technology is inevitable for telemechanics and railway automation. The goal is the minimization of human error in providing smooth running and safety of rail traffic by automating maintenance work as far as possible. Asset condition and task performance should be centrally controlled due to the scarce availability of highly qualified staff and the necessity for standardized quality.

Professional communicators and signalmen play a great role in boosting productivity and safety at the point of train operations. Efficient and harmonious teamwork in this highly complicated production-technical system allows for swift overcoming of operating challenges and reduction in interruptions.

The system catalogs each device, tracks movement between locations, and assesses operational status. It maintains document workflows, implements role-based responsibilities, and facilitates quick access for deployment, incident management, and scheduled maintenance. It automates the registration, inventory management, and status oversight of SRAT assets, substituting traditional paper workflows with regulated, data-centric procedures.

ACA-SRAT optimizes repair and replacement activity quality and productivity, enables evidence-based manager and subject-matter-expert decision-making in the areas of the field of signaling and communications and the automation–telemechanics laboratories, and strengthens planning, optimization, and execution control. Through the combination of device passports and work transactions in a single normalized repository, it reduces redundancy, enforces integrity, and provides for contemporaneous analytical reporting.

A specialized document-flow server provides as the foundation for user activities. By utilizing this service, users are able to scan QR codes and RFID tags to identify device identifiers, produce inventory and workload reports, and perform indexed searches within the equipment database. The server facilitates all document operations, validations, and audit trails; consequently, user activities cannot proceed unless the service is operational and authentication has been achieved.

For small deployments, the document-flow server and database engine can even coexist on the same host. This reduces hardware footprint and intra-network traffic while maintaining transactional integrity and access control and decreasing administration.

Locating each device by database requests is easy because for each device a set of definitive details is assigned upon registration.

The block diagram of the automated registration and signaling system control system's block diagram is shown in figure 3.

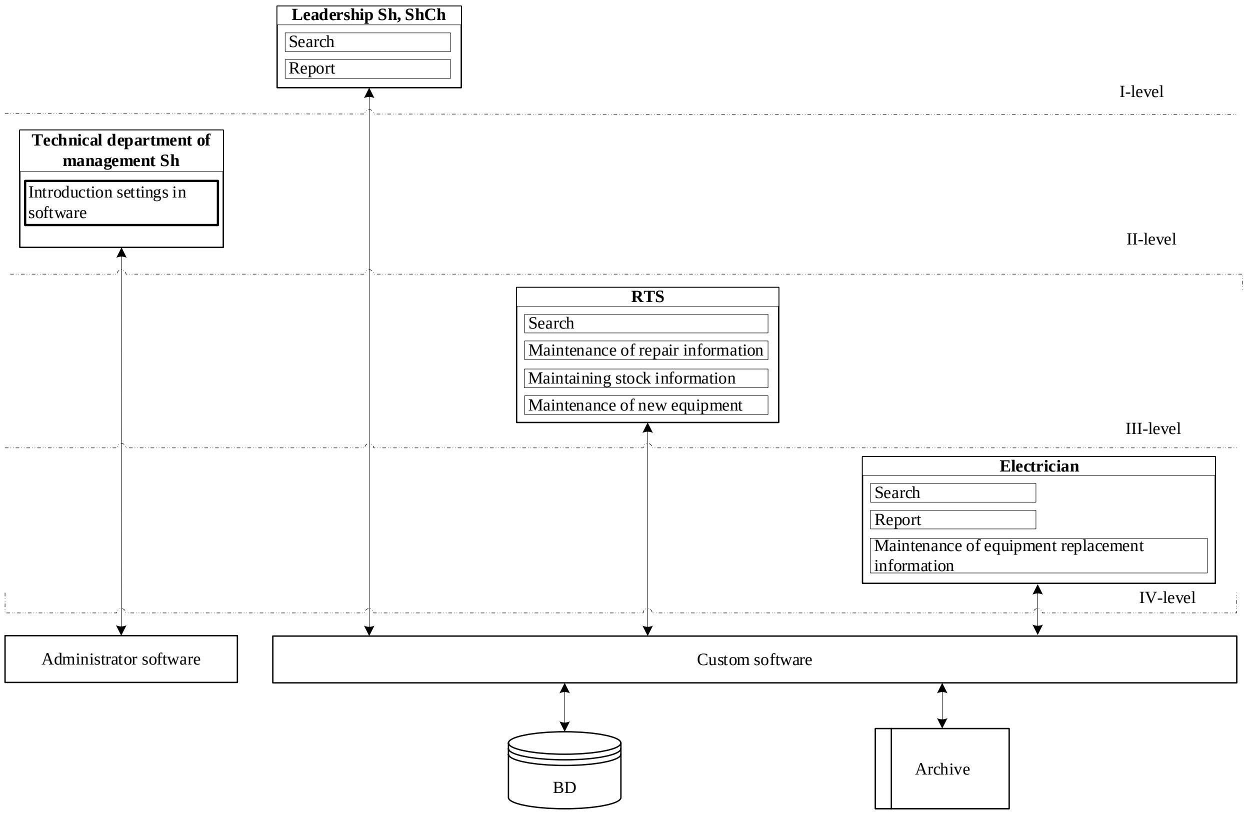

Fig. 3. Automated architecture of the device registration process in the railway automation and telemechanics system

The server includes a configurable database connectivity module. An administrator selects any reachable host as the data source and sets core parameters: IP or port, database name, and credentials with scoped read/write/update rights. It creates schemas and tables, applies flexibilities, and seeds reference catalogs and default roles. This removes the need for third-party tools or advanced SQL (structured query language) skills and lets the workflow system start immediately after installation [12-15].

For railway automation and telemechanics, this execution main underpins a centralized flow of electronic documents throughout the communications and signaling distance and partner units. It also systematizes technical procedures documentation in a standardized manner, automates registration and control of SCB devices' statuses, traces device movements end-to-end, and stores all interventions in the form of audit traces. The end effect is improved throughput, reliable tracking, and synchronized control across the automatic control subsystem.

3. Conclusion

The research reveals an improved client-server architecture for electronic document management and device management, improves the procedures for commissioning signaling, centralization and blocking devices, and fully ensures device control in the railway automation and telemechanics system. Processes such as registering devices, monitoring their operation, creating a replacement schedule, planning repair work, entering device data into the database and issuing them are provided by the automated device control system. The use of QR code and RFID tag identification increases accuracy in RTS areas and speeds up inventory processes, while the consolidation of the server infrastructure reduces hardware requirements and simplifies maintenance procedures. An expanded real-time view of the status, the use of standardized templates, and a centralized management system have been developed to reduce mechanical personnel errors, accelerate commissioning, and encourage continuous improvement of service technology.

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Organizational technological mechanisms for the development of outsourcing services in the organization of cargo transportation in transport and logistics enterprises

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Abstract: The article reviews the existing organizational and technological mechanisms in the world and in Uzbekistan for the implementation of cargo transportation processes in transport and logistics enterprises using outsourcing services. In international experience, the structure of cargo and logistics functions based on the services of 3PL (Third-Party Logistic) and 4PL (Fourth-Party Logistic) providers is analyzed. The prospects of logistics services and production mechanisms, and existing opportunities, are compared based on the SWOT model and suggestions are made.
Keywords: outsourcing, transport logistics, organizational mechanisms, technological mechanisms, transport system, cost reduction

1. Introduction

In order to operate effectively in the global market, freight forwarding companies are paying more attention to optimal management of logistics processes, from timely delivery of goods to ensuring safety and improving the quality of services. To do this, they transfer many of their services to organizations — outsourcing (outsourcing). This process allows the company to entrust the process to the main specialized freight forwarding company, use the resources of qualified providers and increase operational efficiency. In international experience, outsourcing is rapidly spreading in logistics, which leads to the delivery of many vehicles to the organization — a problem, the introduction of complex logistics tools through fully managed organizations (3PL) or (4PL). This allows the company to transfer logistics services, warehousing, freight forwarding and other functions to a single service provider, focusing on its main production or other strategy. A number of works are also underway in Uzbekistan in this regard. Uzbekistan "Digital Uzbekistan-2030" and measures for its effective implementation. Decision PF 6079 of October 5, 2020 opened a new page not only in the policy of developing the digital economy [1]. According to the resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- Develop the logistics services market, encourage the creation of large national transport operators specializing in the provision of services in the 3PL and higher format;
- Encourage the creation of large national transport operators capable of establishing mutually beneficial cooperation between road, rail, air and water transport, as well as providing services in the 3PL and higher format.
- Increase the number of operators providing logistics services at the 3PL and higher level by introducing modern methods and technical means of logistics into the practice of organizing and managing cargo transportation.

Literature review

The theory and practice of logistics outsourcing have been widely studied by foreign researchers. Early studies were mainly devoted to the concept of third-party logistics (3PL), which is defined as the transfer of logistics operations by companies to a specialized provider. At the next stage, as a result of the evolution of logistics providers, fourth-party logistics (4PL) emerged. The 4PL provider assumes not only operational tasks, but also the function of strategic management of the entire supply chain, coordinating the activities of various 3PL providers, and ensuring a high level of technological integration.

In modern literature, managed transportation services (Managed Transportation) are also distinguished as a separate mechanism, in which the provider specializes in optimizing transport operations and managing carriers. Researchers have drawn important conclusions about the advantages of outsourcing (cost reduction, access to technology), as well as its risks (weakening of control, data security). In Uzbekistan, logistics outsourcing mechanisms are still in the formation stage, and in recent years, the number of state programs and scientific and practical research in this area has been increasing.

This systematic review examined a number of scientific articles, company reports, and case studies related to organizational and technological mechanisms and outsourcing in the transport system. Keywords were used to search databases such as PubMed, ProQuest, Scopus, and Google Scholar to identify relevant literature. The articles were then analyzed for key themes and recommendations for improving organizational and technological mechanisms in transport outsourcing and the current state of the art.

2. Research methods and the received results

A systematic review of the literature on the development of organizational and technological mechanisms for the organization of cargo transportation through outsourcing in transport and logistics enterprises involves a methodological and systematic approach to reviewing existing research on

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this topic. The current situation in Uzbekistan on this topic was analyzed.

There are a number of organizational and technological mechanisms for outsourcing services in Uzbekistan:

1. E-logistics" platform and digitalization: Cargo transportation and logistics services in Uzbekistan have been fully digitalized. This is aimed at reducing costs, accelerating transportation processes, and improving the quality of services;
2. The introduction of such an organizational mechanism as tax incentives and the application of zero-rate VAT to transport and forwarding services in organizing international cargo transportation are important financial incentives for outsourcing companies;
3. Establishing operational centers for international companies within the IT Park residency by attracting international outsourcing centers. These centers will provide dispatching, cargo tracking, personnel selection, security and compliance services for the US and European markets.

The SWOT analysis of some organizational and technological mechanisms in Uzbekistan and the world is presented in the following table:

Table 1

SWOT analysis of organizational and technological mechanisms in Uzbekistan and the world

Mechanism and Model	**International Situation (mechanism and technologies)**	**Uzbekistan practice (current status)**
3PL (Third Party Logistics)	Specialization in specific functions such as transportation, warehousing, customs clearance, and freight forwarding..	Services are provided by large international and local companies (e.g. DHL, STARWAYS LOGISTICS). However, the 3PL services market is not yet fully formed..
4PL (Fourth Party Logistics)	The provider manages, integrates, and optimizes the entire supply chain on behalf of the customer.	Not yet fully formed. Logistics providers provide services mainly at the 2PL and partly at the 3PL level.
Managed Transportation)	Companies completely outsource transportation operations (planning, carrier selection, payment auditing).	A new mechanism being implemented by some large companies. Not widely used.
Digital platforms and TMS	Leading providers offer advanced platforms that enable real-time tracking, AI-powered route optimization, and predictive analytics.	The "E-logistics" platform has been launched. The processes of digitization and integration of systems have begun. Information exchange between participants in foreign economic activity is developing.
State regulation and support	The development of the state logistics infrastructure and the introduction of international standards are indirectly supported by the state.	There is active support from the state: the Concept for the Development of the Transport and Logistics System until 2030, VAT exemption for forwarding services, and the introduction of an electronic queue system at borders.

3PL is the most common freight forwarding outsourcing model today, in which a company outsources specific logistics functions such as transportation, warehousing, and order fulfillment to another specialized transport logistics company. The scope of 3PL services in the global market is constantly growing, and large global and national transport logistics companies are constantly updating their outsourcing strategies. 4PL service providers take responsibility for managing the entire supply chain, not just freight. In this model, the provider acts as an independent decision-maker, combining its own and other companies' resources, capabilities, and technologies to offer the client a single, comprehensive solution. LLP (Lead Logistics Provider) - model similar to 4PL, where one provider coordinates several other logistics providers (transportation, warehousing, customs brokers, freight forwarding) and provides a single, unified management for the client. It assumes full responsibility. In addition, logistics clusters Geographically concentrated logistics centers (for example, large distribution centers in Europe, the USA and China) allow companies to provide efficient services through outsourcing. These clusters include transport corridors, large warehouse complexes and additional services.

Comprehensive logistics services tailored to the specific requirements of the client are provided on the basis of long-

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term contracts. This is more complex than simple transportation, creates added value and We are also trying to contribute to the development of the work of transport logistics companies operating on a contract basis of this type.

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the logistics outsourcing market is developing rapidly. Unlike the rest of the world, 4PL/P models and advanced technologies (AI, Block chain) have not yet been widely implemented. It should be noted that the state policy of infrastructure development, digitalization and support for the private sector is controlling production in this area. Below we will present the organizational and technological mechanisms used in the transport logistics sector.

Table 2

Organizational mechanisms used in the transport logistics sector in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Mechanism	Description
Logistics center infrastructure	Creates infrastructure for freight transportation and transport logistics services
Public private partnership mechanism	At the stage of introducing a public-private partnership mechanism in the development of transport infrastructure and the construction of logistics centers.
International providers	International logistics companies like DHL, UPS, and FedEx are bringing their own global outsourcing models.
customs agreements	Transit agreements are developing outsourcing services in international freight transportation.

In the effective use of these organizational mechanisms, of course, modern technological mechanisms play a major role in cargo transportation and the correct technological operation of the entire logistics process. The following table presents technological mechanisms:

Table 3

Technological mechanisms used in the field of transport logistics in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Mechanism	Description
IT and EH cycle	Systems such as E-logistics, E-permit
Online freight platforms	Local IT companies are creating mobile apps and web platforms that allow people to book shipping services, find vehicles, and track shipments.
Warehouse management systems	Modern WMS systems are being implemented by large logistics operators, but this is not yet widespread in small and medium-sized businesses.
GPS and monitoring systems	Transport companies have equipped their fleets with GPS monitoring systems, which allow customers to track the location of their cargo in real time.
E-commerce logistics	ET platforms such as Uzum Market and Aliexpress are developing.
AI and Big data	Still in the early stages

Uzbekistan has adopted a concept for the development of the transport and logistics system until 2030. It sets the task of creating large national transport operators that will provide services in the 3PL format and at a higher level. This directly requires improving outsourcing models and introducing new mechanisms.

However, there are a number of shortcomings in this regard. The low share of local forwarders, that is, a large part of the forwarding services connecting shippers and carriers, are provided by foreign companies. Although the state has introduced a VAT exemption, what organizational and technological mechanisms are needed to increase the share of local companies to 45-50% requires scientific research. Uzbekistan ranked 88th in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) in 2023. The concept sets a goal of reaching a level not lower than 55th by 2030. Improving outsourcing mechanisms is one of the important factors in improving the position in the LPI rating. There is a personnel problem. Industry experts say that there is a shortage of personnel with practical skills and international experience in the logistics sector.

However, many transport logistics companies are experiencing logistical growth due to modern reforms and mechanisms. According to all international research and consulting companies, the volume of outsourcing services (3PL and contract logistics) in transport logistics has been steadily and significantly increasing over the years. This growth rate is expected to accelerate further by 2026. This graph depicts the size and growth trend of the third-party logistics (3PL) market from 2020 to 2030. As you can see, the market size is increasing year by year.

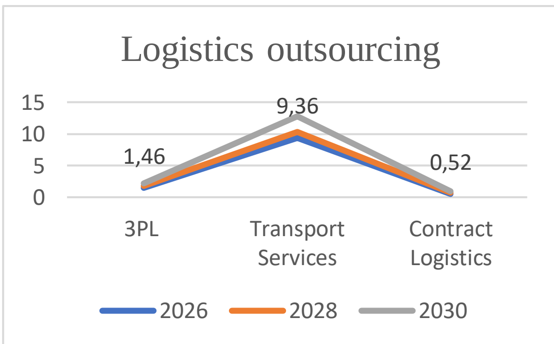

Fig. 1. Global logistics outsourcing market growth dynamics in trillions of dollars (2026-2030)

In world experience, transport logistics outsourcing is developing based on a combination of complex and multi-stage organizational models (3PL, 4PL, LLP, contract

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logistics) and advanced technological mechanisms (AI, IoT, block chain, TMS/WMS). These mechanisms play an important role in ensuring the transparency, speed and economic efficiency of logistics processes.

The global logistics outsourcing market has a steady growth trend over the years. The 3PL market grew from \$0.95 trillion in 2020 to \$1.32 trillion in 2025, and is expected to reach \$2.14 trillion by 2030. This growth is explained by the development of e-commerce, the sophistication of technologies and the global nature of supply chains.

3. Conclusion

In this study, the following conclusion was drawn as a result of an analysis of cargo transportation in existing transport logistics enterprises in the Republic of Uzbekistan and the modern organizational and technological mechanisms used in this regard. The Uzbek logistics outsourcing market is in its infancy, dominated by the 3PL model. While technologies such as GPS monitoring, the Single Window system, and electronic document management have been introduced by local companies, advanced mechanisms such as AI, blockchain, and 4PL models are not yet widely used. There is a significant structural gap between global experience and Uzbek practice, and in-depth scientific research is needed to bridge this gap, address existing problems, and achieve the goals set in the state strategy. It is necessary to pay attention to the priority areas set out in the Concept of the Development of the Transport and Logistics System of Uzbekistan until 2030. In particular, the issues of increasing the share of local forwarders, improving the position in the logistics efficiency index, and creating large national operators are of particular relevance.

When forming the research methodology, it is advisable to use organizational and technological mechanisms for the development of general basic cargo transportation and adapt them for Uzbek enterprises.

When conducting practical research, it is recommended to implement pilot projects on the example of small and medium-sized enterprises, conduct interviews with large logistics operators, and conduct an in-depth analysis of regulatory and legal documents. It is necessary to study advanced foreign experience and develop mechanisms for adapting it to local conditions through the establishment of international cooperation.

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The location of transport and logistics centers in Uzbekistan included in the list of international dry ports: regional opportunities and their integration with international transport corridors

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Abstract: This article analyzes the geographical location, infrastructural capacities, and the integration of transport and logistics centers included in the list of international dry ports of the Republic of Uzbekistan with international transport corridors. Within the framework of the study, the territorial distribution of 24 transport and logistics centers located across the country, their multimodal transport capabilities, proximity to railway lines and highways, and their integration with international transport corridors were comprehensively assessed.

During the analysis, the level of integration of these logistics facilities with the TRACECA and CAREC corridors, as well as with the Middle and Southern transport corridors, and the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, was examined through a comparative analysis. According to the results of the study, the majority of Uzbekistan's dry ports are located along international transport corridors, and their role in the national transport and logistics system is significant in enhancing the country's transit potential, diversifying cargo flows, and developing a multimodal transportation system. At the same time, it was observed that the logistics infrastructure is unevenly distributed in certain regions.

The results of the research contribute to the development of scientifically grounded recommendations aimed at strengthening Uzbekistan's role in the international transport and logistics system, developing regional logistics infrastructure, increasing transit opportunities, and establishing new transport and logistics centers in strategically important areas.

The research findings are presented in the form of systematized tables, analytical diagrams, and cartographic schemes, which provide a comprehensive understanding of the role of logistics centers in increasing Uzbekistan's transit potential and enhancing transport competitiveness.

Keywords: Dry port, transport and logistics center, international transport corridors, multimodal transport, transit potential, TRACECA corridor, CAREC corridor, Asian Highway Network, Trans-Asian Railway Network, Uzbekistan

1. Introduction

In the context of the modern global economy, transport and logistics infrastructure is considered one of the key factors ensuring the economic development of countries, the expansion of foreign trade relations, and access to international markets. In particular, for developing countries without direct access to the sea, the establishment of an efficient transport and logistics system plays a decisive role in reducing foreign trade costs and increasing transit opportunities. Due to its geographical location, Central Asia serves as an important land transport bridge between Europe and Asia. Uzbekistan, located in this region, occupies a strategically advantageous geographical position and is considered an important transit country that facilitates transport connections between the markets of China, Russia, the European Union, the Middle East, and South Asia. However, this very geographical location has also made Uzbekistan a doubly landlocked country. For landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), the absence of direct access to seaports due to geographical constraints leads to higher transport costs, which in turn reduces trade competitiveness.

Therefore, regional integration plays an important role for LLDCs, including the harmonization of investment frameworks aimed at establishing international dry ports in order to improve transit transport connectivity and expand regional markets.

In recent years, major transport initiatives aimed at developing international transport corridors across the Eurasian region have been implemented, including TRACECA, CAREC, the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, the Asian Highway Network, and the Trans-Asian Railway Network. These corridors contribute to the diversification of international trade flows, the reduction of transport costs, and the strengthening of regional economic integration.

Under such conditions, the development of a network of modern transport and logistics centers and dry ports along international transport corridors becomes particularly important. Dry ports serve as a crucial link in the international transport chain by providing cargo handling, storage, redistribution, and customs clearance services.

International experience shows that dry ports are widely developed in countries without direct access to the sea, as well as in large countries with inland regions located far from maritime ports.

According to the recommendations on infrastructure and services provided within the framework of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, the services provided by dry ports are largely similar to those offered by

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transport and logistics centers. Thus, dry ports can be considered a specific type of international transport and logistics centers.

Dry ports represent one of the important infrastructure facilities for every country. Through the provision of cargo delivery, transport, and logistics services, they contribute to national economic growth. In addition, dry ports play an essential role in increasing the export and transit potential of LLDCs. For the effective development of transport and logistics centers, it is necessary to clearly define the concept of these centers and the forms of their operation.

These facilities function as transit nodes that provide services such as cargo storage, consolidation, distribution, and customs clearance. The optimal location of these centers in relation to major international transport corridors enables the optimization of transport speed and costs, the reduction of delivery times, and the improvement of the reliability of logistics operations.

The development of existing transport corridors and the creation of new routes are of significant importance for Uzbekistan. Considering the country's geographical characteristics, the main modes of cargo transportation are road and rail transport. Therefore, the development of road networks requires the formation of transport corridors supported by well-developed infrastructure.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has been implementing large-scale reforms aimed at modernizing transport and logistics infrastructure and strengthening integration with international transport corridors. In particular, special attention has been given to increasing the country's transit potential by developing international transport and logistics centers and granting them the status of international dry ports.

In this regard, a comprehensive analysis of the geographical location of international dry ports in Uzbekistan, their infrastructural capacities, and their integration with international transport corridors is of significant scientific and practical importance.

Scientific Novelty of the Research

The scientific novelty of this study consists of the following: For the first time, a comprehensive analysis was conducted on the spatial location of 24 transport and logistics centers included in the list of international dry ports of Uzbekistan in relation to international transport corridors.

The multimodal transport capabilities of transport and logistics centers and their level of integration with international railway and highway networks were assessed.

Strategic logistics zones located at the intersections of international transport corridors were identified. The regional imbalance and infrastructural gaps within the dry port network of Uzbekistan were scientifically substantiated.

Scientifically grounded practical recommendations were developed for the development of new logistics centers aimed at increasing the country's transit potential.

Carried out within the framework of the PhD dissertation titled "Improving the Methodology for Justifying the Role of Geolocation in the Organization of Transport and Logistics Centers.

2. Research methodology

Literature Review

Dry ports and transport and logistics centers (TLCs) are considered important instruments for landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) to ensure their connection with major seaports. At the international level, significant attention has been paid to the development of dry port networks within national territories in order to introduce services integrated with seaports.

A notable example is the "Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports", adopted on May 1, 2013, in Bangkok by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). According to this agreement, dry ports are defined as inland locations within a country that possess a terminal connected with one or more modes of transport and are designed for handling cargo transported in international trade, temporary storage, inspection where required by law, and the performance of applicable customs control functions and formalities [1].

The objective of the agreement is to strengthen cooperation among UNESCAP member states and promote international trade through the development of internationally significant dry ports that meet the requirements of international transport. The development of dry port networks accelerates the flow of goods and services, reduces transport costs and overall transit time, and improves the accuracy of route planning in international transport operations.

As of 2025, a total of 19 countries have joined the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the number of international dry ports included in Annex I of the agreement exceeds 300. Among the member states of the agreement, 10 countries (55%) are landlocked developing countries. For such countries, dry ports serve as essential infrastructure facilities that ensure connectivity with seaports.

The primary objective of establishing a regional dry port network is to expand trade opportunities by ensuring the seamless movement of cargo between dry ports located in different countries. This includes enabling the direct shipment of goods from a dry port in one country to a dry port in another country while minimizing border inspections and delays.

Over the past decades, several LLDCs have incorporated the development of dry ports and transport and logistics centers into their transport policies and programs, utilizing various institutional mechanisms and business models. However, some projects envisaged within certain programs and plans have failed to attract the expected demand or achieve the objectives initially set at the early stages. This has often been due to factors such as inappropriate site selection, unsuitable operational models, or inconsistencies with private sector demand and operational requirements [2].

The issue of site selection for newly established dry ports and transport and logistics centers is considered a critical factor that must be thoroughly studied when developing a dry port business plan [3].

In the scientific literature, there are numerous research studies focusing on the selection of optimal locations for dry ports and transport and logistics centers, all aimed at identifying the most suitable placement of such facilities. The selection of an appropriate location is a complex process that usually involves multiple criteria influencing the location decision, including distance to transport corridors, land availability, costs, environmental factors, economic and physical capacity of the region, and various social factors [4].

In order to further analyze the criteria influencing location selection, 25 scientific publications (articles and dissertations) related to the site selection of dry ports and transport and logistics centers were examined. The criteria used in these studies and the frequency of their application are presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Evaluation Criteria Used in the Literature and Their Frequency of Application [3]

Location		Air pollution	3
Proximity to railway	11	Green area / green space	1
Proximity to highway	12	**Freight volume / transport volume**	
Proximity to airport	10	Macroeconomic indicator	4
Proximity to seaport	7	Freight volume by road transport / Road freight volume	3
Land area / site area	5	Freight volume by rail transport / Rail freight volume	3
Expansion potential / possibility for expansion	4	Transport and logistics attractiveness	4
Proximity to economic zones / industrial areas	8	Transport infrastructure	5
Suitability for construction / buildability	3	International trade volume	2
Geography / soil conditions	2	Number of trade centers / commercial centers	1
Proximity to city center / urban accessibility	8	Level of development	2
Location area / Site location	2	Economic impact	4
Site infrastructure	4	Foreign investment	1
Proximity to inland waterways	1	Investment level	3
Proximity to industrial enterprises / manufacturing facilities	5	Business environment	3
Proximity to market / commercial centers	3	Degree of competition	2
Proximity to consumers / end-users	2	**Social factors**	
Cost		Security and protection	3
Land cost	4	Population	3
Cargo transport costs	3	Social benefits	2
Environmental impact		Land ownership type	1
Natural resources	2	Worker qualifications	2
Environmental impact	6	Rule of law and role of authorities	4
Environmental safety / ecological safety	3	Social stability	1

As shown in Table 1, the most frequently cited criteria in the literature for site selection of dry ports relate to their proximity to transport nodes (road, rail, and air transport). Considering these criteria, the availability of transport corridors passing through a region is a critical factor in determining the optimal location for a dry port.

Transport corridors provide clear and direct opportunities for fostering regional integration. Such integration improves the economic growth prospects of middle- and low-income countries, particularly for landlocked states without direct access to the sea. Legal, regulatory, and other constraints that hinder international trade and transport become particularly visible at the corridor level, enabling policymakers to implement targeted measures to mitigate them.

Transport corridors also serve as a territorial basis for cooperation and coordination among participating countries, as well as between public and private sector organizations providing trade and transport infrastructure and services [5].

To date, there is no universally accepted or precise definition of transport corridors in the scientific literature [6]. Leading experts and policymakers often fail to adequately recognize the role of this factor in international relations. Historically, control over transport corridors has been a necessary condition for ensuring the military and economic efficiency of states.

International transport corridors are not only systems of transport and logistics but are also intrinsically linked to economic and political processes. Nearly all major contemporary transregional initiatives prioritize the establishment of stable transport corridors and the development of relevant infrastructure. Corridors are often complementary in nature and shape regional competition.

When evaluating the efficiency and potential of transport corridors, the primary parameter is the freight-carrying capacity of the routes along the corridor. The lowest capacity segment of a route can limit the overall freight transport capability from the corridor's origin to its endpoint, thereby determining the ultimate throughput. Moreover, a corridor's capacity depends on whether it supports a single or multiple modes of transport, which also affects the locations where cargo must be transferred between modes. Therefore, it is essential to establish the necessary infrastructure along the corridor, in particular by forming a network of dry ports [7].

Dry Port and Its Significance

From a functional perspective, a dry port is defined as an operational and logistical hub that performs various activities related to freight transport, logistics, and cargo distribution, oriented toward the economic objectives of the operators and enterprises it hosts [8].

According to the Intergovernmental Agreement, a dry port of international significance is an inland transport-logistics center within a country that is connected to one or more transport modes and is intended for handling cargo transported in international trade, temporarily storing it, performing customs control functions, and processing cargo documentation.

A dry port provides direct connectivity to seaports via road or rail, enhancing the efficiency of the logistics system for landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). In this context, the Republic of Uzbekistan, as a landlocked state, has been implementing measures to reduce transport costs by developing transport-logistics centers as dry ports.

Uzbekistan is a signatory to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports. The country joined the Agreement through Decree No. PQ-5256 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 5, 2021, designating

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the Ministry of Transport as the competent authority responsible for its implementation [9]. On November 12, 2025, 24 transport-logistics centers in Uzbekistan were added to the list of international dry ports and officially granted dry port status.

Currently, efforts are underway to develop a modern network of dry ports across Uzbekistan. For international transport-logistics centers within the country to attain dry port status, they must comply with the model requirements established by Resolution No. 633 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 8, 2025, and adhere to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports [10].

Research Gap

Existing studies have extensively examined the economic efficiency, site selection criteria, and transport infrastructure connectivity of dry ports and transport-logistics centers, with particular emphasis on their role in enhancing trade and transit operations for landlocked countries.

However, in the case of Uzbekistan, there is a lack of comprehensive research on: the territorial integration of the network of international dry ports with international transport corridors, the geographic location of these ports, and their multimodal transport capabilities.

Moreover, studies analyzing the spatial distribution of transport-logistics centers in relation to international transport corridors and their impact on the country's transit potential remain insufficient. From this perspective, the present study aims to partially fill this research gap by analyzing the degree of integration of Uzbekistan's international dry ports with international transport corridors.

Research Aim and Objectives

Research Aim: The aim of this study is to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the spatial location of Uzbekistan's transport-logistics centers included in the list of international dry ports in relation to international transport corridors and to analyze their multimodal transport capabilities.

Research Objectives:

To analyze the significance of dry ports for landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). To identify internationally recognized transport corridors passing through Uzbekistan, which are prioritized by international organizations for infrastructure development.

To systematize information on the transport-logistics centers included in the list of international dry ports, including the analysis of their territorial distribution and infrastructure capacities. To evaluate the connectivity potential of each dry port with rail and road corridors.

To identify strategically significant areas for establishing dry ports, determine the regional characteristics of logistics infrastructure, and outline prospects for developing the country's network of transport-logistics centers. To visualize the data using maps, diagrams, and tables, thereby providing a comprehensive understanding of the role of dry ports in enhancing Uzbekistan's transit potential.

Research Methodology

This study analyzed the spatial distribution and multimodal transport capabilities of Uzbekistan's transport-logistics centers included in the list of international dry ports in relation to international transport corridors. The following scientific methods were employed:

Analytical Method: The theoretical foundations of dry ports and transport corridors were analyzed through a review of international and national legal and regulatory documents, statistical data, and scholarly literature.

Comparative Analysis Method: The location of transport-logistics centers relative to international transport corridors, their infrastructure capacities, and multimodal transport services were evaluated through comparative analysis. Spatial (Geographical) Analysis Method: The proximity of transport-logistics centers to international transport corridors, railway stations, and highways, as well as their territorial distribution, was assessed using cartographic analysis.

Systemic Approach: The country's transport-logistics infrastructure was studied as an interconnected system in relation to international transport corridors, allowing for an integrated assessment of its functioning.

In addition, the evaluation criteria included the distance of transport-logistics centers to railway stations, proximity to international highways, infrastructure capacity, and the ability to provide multimodal transport services.

Main Section / Research Findings

Central Asia, due to its geographical location, has historically served as a key transit hub facilitating trade and connectivity between regions. Although it is landlocked and does not have direct access to open seas, it borders three major global economic powers—China, India, and Russia. These countries, with their large populations and high economic output, represent significant markets for transport and logistics services.

Furthermore, the region shares borders with rapidly growing regional powers such as Iran, Pakistan, and Turkey, enhancing its strategic importance. This geographic position establishes Central Asia as a vital overland bridge between East Asia and Europe. Notably, the shortest trade routes from China to European markets pass through Central Asia, highlighting the region's role in facilitating efficient transcontinental transport (see Figure 1).

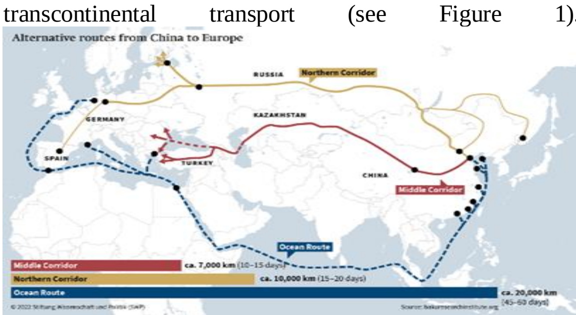

Fig. 1. Main corridors connecting China and Europe

Major Corridors Connecting China and Europe

Along this route, a significant portion of trade—approximately 80%—is transported by rail, while the remaining 20% relies on road transport. In the current era of global geopolitical and geo-economic changes, the countries of the region face the task of expanding the international transport corridor system and establishing new transcontinental corridors. This development provides Central Asian countries with opportunities to access new markets and expand connections to broader regions.

The table below illustrates the freight turnover between Central Asia and the world's major economic centers.

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Table 2

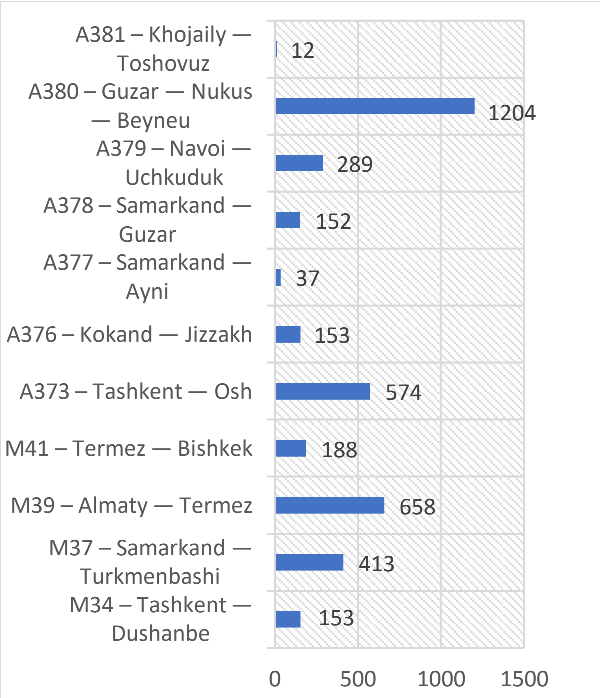
Freight Turnover of Central Asia with Major Economies, Thousand Tons [11]

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share of Uzbekistan
Central Asia – European Union	34 825	34 748	36 082	32 903	38 749	49 323	2,27%
Central Asia – Russia	80 131	81 276	78 153	67 846	60 895	67 736	12,7%
Central Asia – China	37 432	15 941	16 830	16 827	72 070	32 363	12,4%
Central Asia – Iran	4 002	3 929	2 046	3 957	3 680	2 916	19%
Central Asia – India	1 611	2 990	5 065	3 628	3 065	1 924	5,5%
Central Asia – Pakistan	573	397	242	582	866	734	64%
Total	**158 574**	**139 280**	**138 418**	**125 744**	**179 325**	**154 996**	

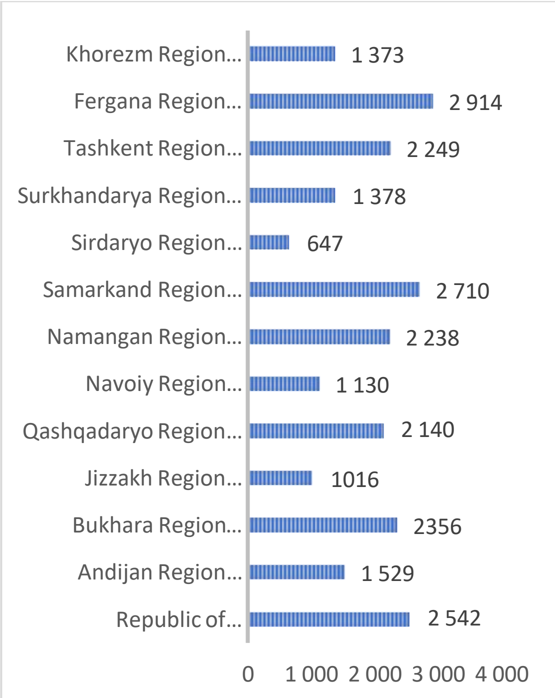
Table 2 indicates that it is essential for Uzbekistan to develop transport corridors to access international markets in the southern, eastern, northern, and western directions. The development of international transport corridors requires not only agreements between countries but also consideration of the domestic road network. Well-developed domestic roads with robust infrastructure can attract additional cargo flows, thereby increasing overall transit traffic.

As of early 2025, the total length of public roads in Uzbekistan amounts to 42,371 km, of which 3,833 km are of international significance. The road network includes numbered routes such as M34, M37, M39, M41, A373, A376, A377, A378, A379, A380, and A381, forming the backbone of the country's domestic and international transport connectivity. Information on the lengths of international and national roads in the territory of Uzbekistan is shown in Figure 2 below.

Road Network of Uzbekistan



Length and Route of International Highways (km)



State-significant Highways

Fig. 2. Lengths of international and national roads in the territory of Uzbekistan

The total length of nationally significant roads in Uzbekistan is 14,316 km, while locally significant roads account for 24,222 km [12]. The air routes cover approximately 26,000 km, and inland waterways extend for 550 km. Regarding the railway network, Uzbekistan provides free movement along public-use lines. The current total length of railways is 7,400 km, of which 3,145 km are electrified.

The railway system is divided into six regional rail hubs: Tashkent, Kokand, Bukhara, Qongirot (Kungrad), Qarshi, and Termez.

The primary functions of these regional hubs include:

Assessing regional transport markets, Developing transport infrastructure, and providing users with a wide range of railway services.

Figure 3 illustrates the road and railway network of Uzbekistan.

Roads Map **Railway Map**

Fig. 3. Map of Uzbekistan's Road and Railway Network

In Uzbekistan, there are 138 road transport corridors designated for transit. These corridors include 48 road crossing points, located on public roads, which connect Uzbekistan with all neighboring countries.

For railway transit, Uzbekistan has 78 designated transport corridors, linked with neighboring countries via 17 railway crossing points [8].

Geographically, Uzbekistan is located at the center of Central Asia and primarily conducts cargo transportation through the following routes:

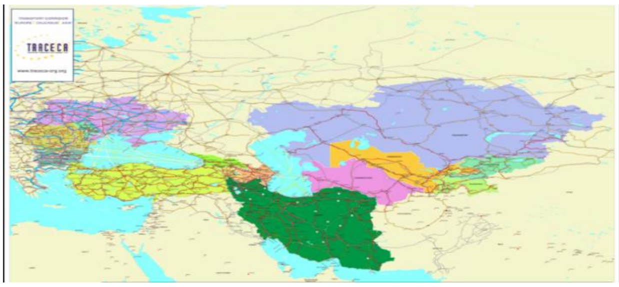
Uzbekistan – Kazakhstan – Russia – European Union / Asia-Pacific countries, Uzbekistan – Kazakhstan / Turkmenistan – Azerbaijan – Georgia / Turkey – Europe, Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan – Iran – Turkey, Uzbekistan – Kazakhstan / Kyrgyzstan / Tajikistan – China – Asia-Pacific countries, Uzbekistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – Southeast Asia countries.

For these routes, Uzbekistan utilizes internationally recognized transport initiatives and corridors, developed under intergovernmental agreements or by international organizations, including TRACECA, the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (Middle Corridor), the Northern Corridor, the Southern Corridor, CAREC corridors, Asian Highway Network, and the Trans-Asia Railway Network.

Strategic Significance of International Transport Corridors through Uzbekistan and Central Asia

The TRACECA project (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia) was launched on 8 September 1993 at the initiative of the European Union in Brussels, initially involving eight countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus. On 7–8 September 1998, the Multilateral Framework Agreement on TRACECA was signed at a summit in Baku, granting the project the status of an international transport corridor [13].

The corridor spans the route Europe – Black Sea – Caucasus – Caspian – Central Asia. Uzbekistan, via Turkmenistan or Kazakhstan, can access the Caspian ports and connect to Europe through the Trans-Caspian Route (Figure 4).



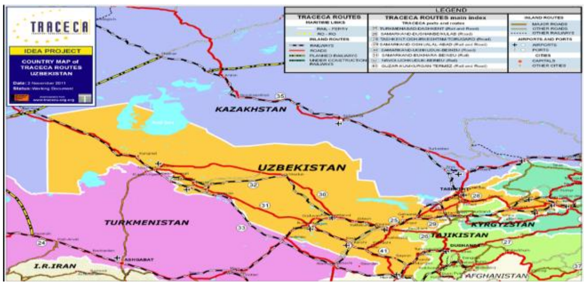


Fig. 4. TRACECA Corridor and Its Section Passing Through the Territory of Uzbekistan

Northern Corridor

The Northern Corridor connects Europe with China and Mongolia via the Trans-Siberian Railway through Russian territory. Cargo transportation from Central Asia to the European Union is primarily conducted using a single mode of transport through Russia and Belarus (Figure 6).

One of the main advantages of this corridor is the uniform 1520 mm broad-gauge railway network, which allows freight to reach the EU border without transshipment. Additionally, the corridor benefits from integrated transport systems in terms of legal, economic, and technical standards [11].

Trans-Caspian International Transport Route — Middle Corridor

The Middle Corridor is a multimodal transport route connecting China and Europe. It bypasses Russia, requiring transit across the Caspian Sea and multiple border crossings. To reach the European border west of the Caspian, alternative routes include overland transport through Turkey or maritime transport via the Black Sea.

The primary route follows:

China – Kazakhstan – Caspian Sea – Azerbaijan – Georgia – Turkey – Europe, with a total length of approximately 11,000 km (4,256 km overland, 508 km maritime). Uzbekistan connects to this corridor through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan (Figure 5).

The development of the Middle Corridor began in 2013 with the establishment of a Coordination Committee in Astana, followed by the creation of an International Association in 2016, which became operational in 2017. This transport route enhances logistics efficiency and links Central Asian countries to global markets.

From a strategic perspective, the Middle Corridor is of economic significance to China and political importance for the European Union. Its main goal is to provide an efficient transit route between Central Asia and Europe while bypassing Russia, avoiding duplication of initiatives linked to TRACECA [14]. Additionally, it offers an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative through the EU's Global Gateway and G7 PGII programs.

Fig. 5. The Middle Corridor and its connection through Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan and the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway project

Southern Transport Corridor

The Southern Corridor is an emerging transport route connecting Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, and Turkey to Europe. Unlike some alternative routes, it does not require crossing the Caspian Sea, enabling access to the European Union via Bulgaria or Greece. For Uzbekistan, this corridor provides opportunities to connect to seaports, thereby enhancing both its transit capacity and trade-economic potential (Figure 6).

The development of the corridor, however, is progressing slowly due to several infrastructural and operational challenges, including: the need to cross Lake Van in Turkey, Western sanctions on Iran, differences in rail gauge standards (1520 mm vs. 1435 mm), lack of system integration, and absence of an international coordination body.

The activation of the "China – Kyrgyzstan – Uzbekistan" railway line has the potential to transform the corridor into a land bridge between Eurasian and African rail networks, thereby significantly increasing its future transit potential [11].

Fig. 6. Northern, Central, and Southern International Transport Corridors

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridors The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program was established in 2001 with the primary aim of developing regional transport and logistics networks, facilitating trade, strengthening energy cooperation, and deepening economic integration. The program is coordinated by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

According to the 2006 Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (adopted at the 5th CAREC Ministerial Conference, Ürümqi, China), six CAREC corridors were officially identified, along with their priority infrastructure projects and measures to simplify trade and customs procedures (Figure 7) [16]. These corridors connect the region's main economic centers and provide landlocked CAREC member states with access to other Eurasian and global markets.

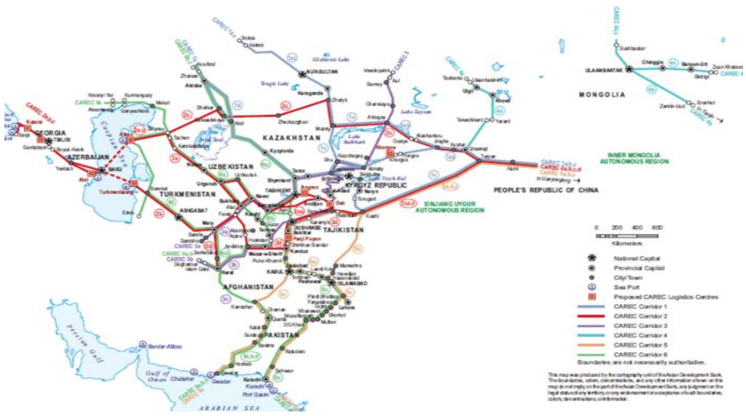


Fig. 7. CAREC Corridors (The 2nd, 3rd, and 6th CAREC corridors pass through Uzbekistan (Figure 8).)

CAREC 2 Corridor: China – Kyrgyzstan – Uzbekistan – Tajikistan – Kazakhstan – Azerbaijan – Georgia – Turkey. Within Uzbekistan, the route passes through Andijan, Kokand, Tashkent, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoiy, Bukhara, Qarshi, Termez, Urgench, and Nukus. This corridor serves as a key East–West transit route. CAREC 3 Corridor: Russia – Kazakhstan – Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan – Iran. In Uzbekistan, it covers Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoiy, Bukhara, and Surkhandarya regions. This North–South corridor provides access for freight to Iranian ports and facilitates integration between the Russian Federation, the Middle East, and South Asia.

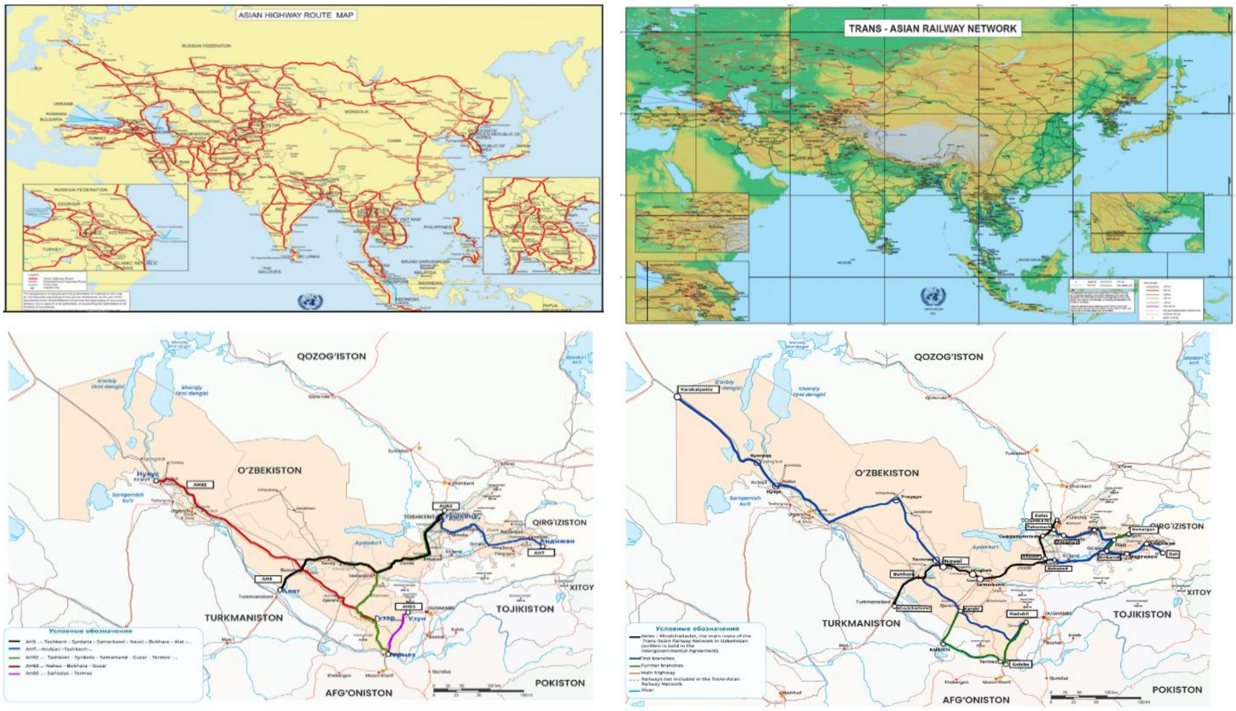
CAREC 6 Corridor: Russia – Kazakhstan – Tajikistan – Uzbekistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – Iran. In Uzbekistan, the corridor passes through Karakalpakstan (Nukus), Urgench, Bukhara, Navoiy, Qarshi, and Termez, connecting Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia [17].

CAREC 2 CAREC 3 CAREC 6

Fig. 8. CAREC Corridors 2, 3 and 6 passing through Uzbekistan

Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Railways

The Asian Highways (2003) and the Trans-Asia Railways intergovernmental agreements (2006) were developed under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). These agreements include the main transport routes passing through countries in the region, connecting Europe and Asia.



Section of the Asian Highways Passing Through Uzbekistan

Section of the Trans-Asia Railways Passing Through Uzbekistan

Fig. 9. Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Road Network

On April 26, 2004, Uzbekistan acceded to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network. According to this international agreement, highways are numbered in the ranges 60–89 and 600–899, covering the Northern, Central, and Southwest Asia subregions, including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan [18].

Within Uzbekistan, five Asian Highway routes pass through the country: AH5, AH7, AH62, AH63, and AH65 (Figure 9). These routes integrate Uzbekistan's international road network, connect all regions of the country, and provide access to road border checkpoints with Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Table 3 presents the Asian Highway routes passing through Uzbekistan.

Table 2

Asian Highway Routes Passing Through the Territory of Uzbekistan

№	Route	Territory in Uzbekistan
AH5	China–Turkey	Tashkent → Sirdaryo → Samarkand → Navoiy → Bukhara → Alyat
AH7	Russia–Pakistan	Andijan → Tashkent → Sirdaryo → Khavast
AH62	Kazakhstan–Afghanistan	Tashkent → Sirdaryo → Samarkand → Guzor → Termez
AH63	Russia–Uzbekistan	Nukus → Bukhara → Guzor
AH65	China–Uzbekistan	Termez

The Republic of Uzbekistan signed the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asia Railway Network on November 10, 2006, and ratified it on July 28, 2009 [20]. According to the Agreement, the section of the Trans-Asia Railway Network passing through Uzbekistan includes: one main line, four branch lines from the main line, and three additional lines from the branch lines. All these lines are considered to have the same status (see Table 3).

Table 3

Trans-Asia Railway Network passing through the territory of Uzbekistan

№	*Route*
	Main network
1	Main route: (Sary-Agash, Kazakhstan) Keles (border station) — Tukumachi — Sirdaryo — Khavast — Samarkand — Ulugbek — Navoi — Bukhara — Khodchadavlet (border station) (Turkmenabad, Turkmenistan)
	Branches from the main Trans-Asia railway network (secondary lines):
2	Tukumachi — Ozodlik — [Angren — Xalqobod] — Pap — Qo‘qon
3	Xavast — Bekobod — (Hay — Kanibadam, Tojikiston) — Suvanobod (chegara stansiyasi) — Qo‘qon — Marg‘ilon — Andijon (chegara stansiyasi) — (Osh, Qirg‘iziston)
4	Navoiy — Tinchlik — Uchkuduk — Nukus — Qung‘rad — Qoraqalpog‘iston (chegara stansiyasi) — (Oazis, Qozog‘iston)
5	Buxoro — Qarshi —— Tashguzar [Dehanabad — Darband] — Boysun — Kumkurgan — Saryasiya —— (Pakhtobod, Tojikiston)
	Additional lines on the network
6	Kukand — Pap — Namangan
7	Karshi — RZhD 154 — (Talimardjan — Kerkichi — Kelif, Turkmenistan) — Termiz —— Galaba (border station) — (Khairaton, Afghanistan)
8	Termiz — Kimkurgan — Saryasiya (border station) — (Pakhtobod, Tajikistan)

The main route included in the agreement for Uzbekistan Railways is the “Keles — Khodchadavlat” line, with a total length of 732 km. A transit freight train covers this route in 4–5 days. In Table 4 below, the main information on international transport corridors crossing Uzbekistan and Central Asia is presented. The transport corridors shown in this table that passthrough Uzbekistan include CAREC corridors 2, 3, and 6, TRACECA, the Southern Corridor, the Asian Highway network, and the Trans-Asia Railway. These corridors directly traverse Uzbekistan, meaning the country can perform its role as a transit state.

For the Northern and Middle corridors, Uzbekistan can connect via the territory of Kazakhstan, which currently implies that Uzbekistan cannot fully serve as a transit state for freight transported along these corridors.

Table 4

International Transport Corridors Crossing Uzbekistan and Central Asia

Corridor Name	Year Esta-blished	Coordinating Body	Sections Passing Through Uzbekistan	Border Points	Connectivity
CAREC 2 (East–West)	2006	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Andijan, Kokand, Tashkent, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, North and South corridors, CAREC 3, 6, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
CAREC 3 (North–South)	2006	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Surkhandarya	Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan	CAREC 2: via Tashkent, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara; CAREC 6: via Navoi, Bukhara, Surkhandarya; Southern Corridor: via Surkhandarya

CAREC 6 (Southern)	2006	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Tashkent, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, North and South corridors, CAREC 2, 3, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
TRACECA (Europe–Caucasus–Asia)	1993	European Union	Andijan, Fergana, Namangan, Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan	Middle Corridor, North and South corridors, CAREC 2, 5, 6, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
Northern Corridor	–	–	Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, Southern Corridor, CAREC 2, 3, 6, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
Middle Corridor	2013	Coordination Committee / International Association	Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan	TRACECA, Northern Corridor, Southern Corridor, CAREC 2, 5, 6, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
Southern Transport Corridor	2023	CIS Transport Forum (memorandum)	Andijan, Fergana, Namangan, Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya	Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, Northern Corridor, CAREC 2, 3, 6, Asian Highways and Trans-Asia Highways
Asian Highways	2003	UNESCAP	Andijan, Fergana, Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, North and South corridors, CAREC 2, 3, 6, Trans-Asia Highways
Trans-Asia Railways	2006	UNESCAP	Andijan, Fergana, Namangan, Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Khorezm, Karakalpakstan	Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan	TRACECA, Middle Corridor, North and South corridors, CAREC 2, 3, 6, Asian Highways

Based on Table 4, it is evident that all international transport corridors passing through the territory of Uzbekistan traverse the cities of Tashkent, Sirdaryo, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Navoi, and Bukhara.

Integration of Dry Ports and International Transport Corridors

The study indicates that all international and transit transport corridors crossing Uzbekistan, as well as the Asian Highway Network and the Trans-Asia Railway network, are strategically located along the country's public road and railway infrastructure (see Figures 3 and Table 4).

According to the Resolution No. 633 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 7 October 2025, titled "Model Requirements for Equipping Transport-Logistics Centers with Modern Equipment and Technology", international transport-logistics centers (dry ports) located along transport corridors must be situated near at least one international and one national road. Furthermore, the distance from railway and road nodes, as well as from international or nationally significant roads to the transport-logistics center, should not exceed 3 km along sufficiently wide roadways.

In accordance with Presidential Decree No. PQ-28 of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated 27 January 2025, vehicles transporting cargo under customs control are permitted to stop exclusively at transport-logistics centers and TIR parks. Additionally, new transport-logistics centers and cargo terminals should be established in peri-urban areas, with phased restrictions on the movement of heavy vehicles within urban zones.

Moreover, international transport-logistics centers listed under the "Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports" are recognized as facilities of international significance. Consequently, the existing dry ports in Uzbekistan are considered an integral part of the infrastructure of international transport corridors. On 12 November 2025, during the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Dry Ports, 24 international transport-logistics centers in Uzbekistan were included in the list of international dry ports under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports.

Figure 10 illustrates the geographic distribution and location of these 24 dry ports across the regions of Uzbekistan.

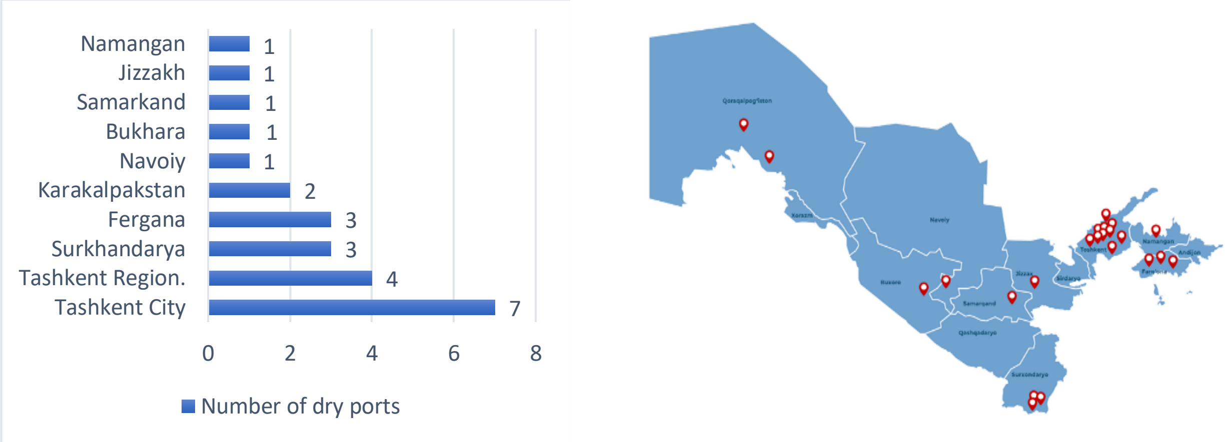


Fig. 10. Geographic Distribution and Location of Uzbekistan's 24 Dry Ports by Region

As shown in Figure 10, the densest part of the dry port network corresponds to Tashkent city and Tashkent region.

The location of Uzbekistan's 24 transport-logistics centers, which have been granted the status of international dry ports, was analyzed in terms of their access to international corridors (see Table 5). In this analysis, even if an international corridor does not pass directly through the dry port location, the connection via public road networks was considered, provided that the distance to the corridor did not exceed 30 km.

Table 5

Analysis of the Location of Transport-Logistics Centers in Terms of Access to International Corridors

№	Name	Location relative to international corridors						
		TRAC-ECA	Middle Corridor	Northern Corridor	Southern Corridor	CAREC	Asian Highway Network	Trans-Asia Railway
1	Kungrad Cargo Impeks	+	+	+	-	CAREC 2, 6	+	+
2	Nukus Logistics Center	+	+	+	-	CAREC 2, 6	+	+
3	Bukhoro Logistics Center	+	-	-	+	CAREC 2, 3,6	+	+
4	Navoiy Cargo	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
5	Termiz Logistics Center	+	-	-	+	CAREC 2, 3	+	+
6	Airitom Logistics Center	+	-	-	+	CAREC 2, 3	+	+
7	Termiz Cargo Center	+	-	-	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
8	Ulugbek Logistics Center	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
9	Jizzakh Logistics Center	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
10	Highway logistics center	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
11	Uzbekistan Airports Cargo	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
12	Asia Trans Terminal	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
13	Terminal Services Invest	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
14	Orient logistics center	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
15	TexnoPark	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
16	Universal logistics cervises	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+

17	First dry port terminals	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
18	Multimodal Trans Terminals	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
19	Forward Trans Terminals	+	+	+	+	CAREC 2, 3, 6	+	+
20	Angren Logistics Center	+	+	-	+	CAREC 2	+	+
21	Kokand Logistics Center	+	+	-	+	CAREC 2	+	+
22	Margilan Logistics Center	+	+	-	+	CAREC 2	+	+
23	Fargona Ulgurji Savdo	+	+	-	+	CAREC 2	+	+
24	Rouston Logistics Center	+	+	-	+	-	-	+

Table 5 indicates that among the dry ports in Uzbekistan, the majority—20 of them—provide services for both road and rail transport, ensuring multimodal connectivity. One port offers services combining air, rail, and road transport, another integrates road, river, and rail, a separate facility serves both air and road transport, and one port functions solely for road transport. Notably, the transport-logistics centers located in Samarkand, Jizzakh, and Tashkent city and region—including Ulugbek Logistics Center, Jizzakh Logistics Center, Highway Logistics Center, Uzbekistan Airports Cargo, Asia Trans Terminal, Terminal Services Invest, Orient Logistics Center, TexnoPark, Universal Logistics Services, First Dry Port Terminals, Multimodal Trans Terminals, and Forward Trans Terminals—are integrated with all international transport corridors that pass through Uzbekistan. This integration highlights their strategic role in connecting the country's transport infrastructure with regional and global logistics networks. Figure 11 depicts the geographical distribution of these dry ports in relation to the segments of international transport corridors crossing Uzbekistan.

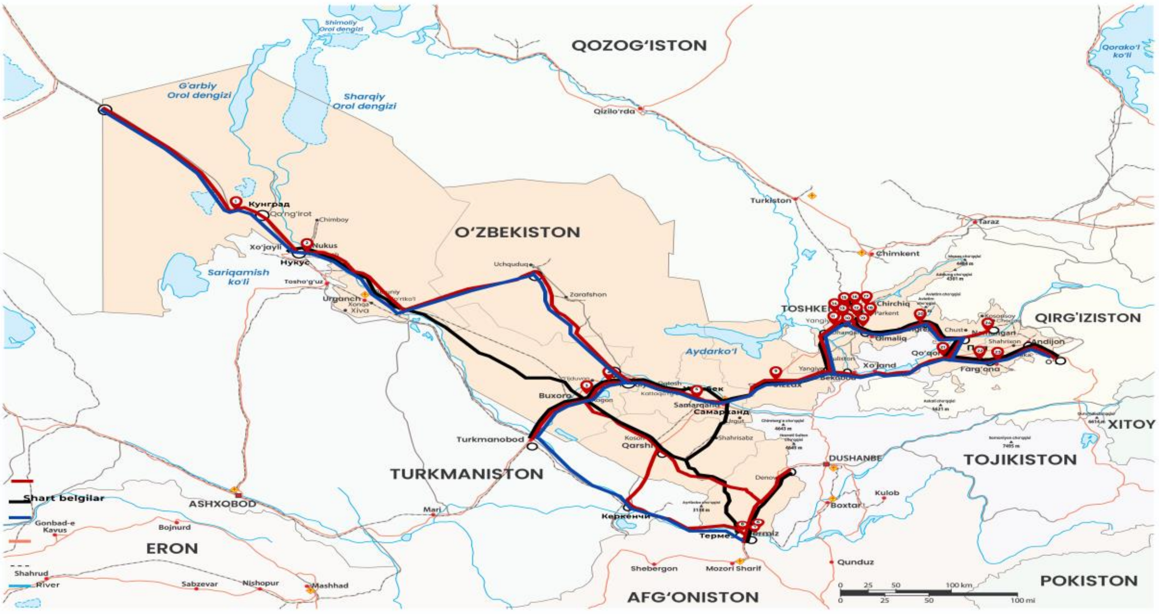


Fig. 11. Illustrates the spatial distribution of dry ports in relation to the segments of international transport corridors crossing Uzbekistan

Discussion

The research findings indicate that Uzbekistan occupies a strategically significant position within the Eurasian transport system. Located at the heart of Central Asia, the country is traversed by several international transport corridors connecting Europe, Russia, China, the Middle East, and South Asia. This geographic advantage positions Uzbekistan as a key regional transit hub.

Analysis shows that most of the transport-logistics centers in Uzbekistan with international dry port status are situated along these international corridors and are integrated with TRACECA, CAREC corridors, the Asian Highway Network, and the Trans-Asia Railway network. Such integration facilitates the development of multimodal transport services and supports the efficient organization of international freight flows.

However, the study also revealed an uneven regional distribution of transport-logistics infrastructure. While logistics centers are highly concentrated in Tashkent city and Tashkent region, other strategically important areas remain underdeveloped. For instance, although major international transport corridors pass through Jizzakh and Sirdaryo regions, the network of dry ports in these areas is limited. Similarly, regions such as Qashqadaryo and Khorezm lack transport-logistics centers of international standard.

This imbalance may constrain the country's ability to fully exploit its transit potential. Therefore, it is crucial to develop a geographically balanced transport-logistics infrastructure, establish new logistics centers along international transport corridors, and modernize existing facilities to maximize Uzbekistan's role as a regional transit hub.

Research Findings

The study yielded the following key conclusions:

International transport corridors passing through Uzbekistan (TRACECA, CAREC, the Middle Corridor, and the Southern Corridor) are aligned along the country's main transport arteries.

A majority of the 24 transport-logistics centers with international dry port status are capable of providing multimodal services via road and rail transport.

Most dry ports are concentrated in Tashkent city and Tashkent region, while logistics infrastructure in certain strategically important areas remains underdeveloped.

Developing logistics infrastructure in regions such as Jizzakh, Sirdaryo, Qashqadaryo, and Khorezm could further enhance the country's transit potential.

The integration of transport-logistics centers with international transport corridors strengthens Uzbekistan's strategic role within the Eurasian transport system.

Recommendations

Based on the research findings, the following scientific and practical recommendations can be proposed:

Establishment of new dry ports in strategic regions

It is advisable to establish new transport-logistics centers in the regions of Jizzakh, Sirdaryo, Qashqadaryo, and Khorezm, where international transport corridors intersect.

Development of multimodal transport infrastructure.

Modernizing existing logistics centers to enhance the rapid and efficient redistribution of cargo between rail, road, and air transport is necessary.

Strengthening connectivity with international transport corridors.

The road and rail infrastructure linking transport-logistics centers to CAREC, TRACECA, Middle, and Southern Corridors should be further developed to improve integration.

Improvement of regional planning for logistics infrastructure.

Strategic planning mechanisms should be implemented within national transport policy to ensure the balanced development of logistics infrastructure across regions.

Expansion of private sector participation

Attracting private investments through public-private partnership mechanisms in the development of transport-logistics centers is recommended.

3. Conclusion

The study demonstrates that Central Asia is geographically situated along one of the shortest overland transport routes connecting Europe and Asia. Uzbekistan's central location in the region gives it strategic significance in international transport networks. The passage of TRACECA, CAREC, Middle and Southern transport corridors, as well as the Asian Highway Network and Trans-Asian Railway through the country, significantly enhances its transit potential.

The analysis of 24 transport-logistics centers designated as international dry ports shows that most of them are located along international transport corridors and are capable of providing multimodal transport services. This is a crucial factor for integrating Uzbekistan's logistics system into international transport networks.

However, the study also revealed uneven development of logistics infrastructure in certain regions. For example, although the main international transport corridors pass through Samarkand and Jizzakh, the network of dry ports in these regions is not sufficiently developed. Likewise, Qashqadaryo, Khorezm, and Sirdaryo lack internationally significant transport-logistics centers.

These conditions may limit the country's full utilization of its transit potential. Therefore, it is essential to establish new transport-logistics centers in strategic regions where international corridors intersect, modernize existing infrastructure, and expand multimodal transport capabilities. These measures will strengthen Uzbekistan's role in the Eurasian transport system, increase transit cargo flows, and enhance the competitiveness of the national economy.

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Ecology and roads: environmental impact of road transport and sustainable solutions

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Abstract: Road transportation is one of the most important components of modern infrastructure and economic development. However, the rapid expansion of road networks and the increase in traffic intensity have led to significant environmental challenges. Road transport contributes to air pollution, noise pollution, soil degradation, water contamination, and habitat fragmentation. These environmental impacts affect ecosystems, human health, and the sustainability of urban and rural environments. This study analyzes the ecological impact of road infrastructure and traffic flows on the environment. The research focuses on major environmental indicators such as atmospheric emissions, noise levels, soil contamination, and water pollution near road networks. Statistical analysis, environmental monitoring methods, and traffic flow modeling techniques were used to evaluate the environmental impact of road transportation. The results show that increasing traffic intensity significantly contributes to higher concentrations of harmful emissions such as carbon dioxide (CO_2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and particulate matter (PM). Furthermore, noise levels in areas adjacent to highways often exceed recommended environmental standards. The study also highlights the importance of sustainable road design, environmental monitoring systems, and green transportation technologies. The findings suggest that integrating ecological considerations into road planning and transportation management can significantly reduce environmental risks and improve sustainability. The implementation of intelligent transportation systems, environmentally friendly materials, and green infrastructure can play a key role in reducing the environmental impact of road transportation.

Keywords: Road ecology, environmental impact, road transportation, air pollution, sustainable transport, environmental monitoring, traffic emissions

1. Introduction

Transportation infrastructure plays a crucial role in economic growth, regional connectivity, and social development. Road networks enable the movement of goods and people, support trade, and facilitate urban expansion. However, the development and operation of road infrastructure also create significant environmental pressures.

According to international environmental studies, the transportation sector accounts for approximately 24% of global carbon dioxide emissions related to energy consumption. The majority of these emissions originate from road vehicles such as passenger cars, trucks, and buses.

The environmental impact of roads can be categorized into several major components:

- air pollution from vehicle emissions
- noise pollution caused by traffic
- soil contamination from heavy metals and oil products
- water pollution from road runoff
- habitat fragmentation and biodiversity loss

These impacts are especially significant in urban areas where traffic density is high and population exposure is greater.

Road construction itself can also cause environmental disturbances. Large-scale infrastructure projects require land clearing, excavation, and alteration of natural landscapes. This can disrupt ecosystems and affect wildlife migration routes [1-11].

In addition, the interaction between transportation systems and environmental processes has become a key topic in modern environmental engineering and sustainable development research.

The concept of **road ecology** has emerged to address these challenges. Road ecology studies the interactions between transportation infrastructure and the natural environment. It aims to reduce environmental damage through improved road design, environmental planning, and sustainable transportation policies [8-15].

2. Research methodology

Road transport is essential for economic and social development, but it has substantial environmental impacts. The construction and use of roads contribute to air pollution through emissions of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds, which lead to global warming, smog formation, and respiratory problems. Traffic also produces continuous noise, affecting humans and wildlife, causing stress, sleep disturbances, and altering animal behavior.

Roads disturb water and soil systems, as runoff carries oils, heavy metals, and salts into rivers, lakes, and soils, while construction removes topsoil and disrupts natural drainage. Additionally, roads fragment habitats, restrict wildlife movement, increase collisions with animals, and contribute to biodiversity loss. Road transport is a major source of greenhouse gases, and road construction itself adds

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to carbon emissions through cement and asphalt production. Modern environmental monitoring uses mathematical models and GIS-based analysis to predict pollutant emissions, noise exposure, and ecological risks, helping identify hotspots and vulnerable ecosystems. Sustainable solutions include green infrastructure such as vegetative buffers and wildlife crossings, cleaner vehicles including electric and hybrid transport, promotion of public transport, cycling, and walking, and smart road planning that avoids sensitive areas and reduces habitat fragmentation [2-6]. Additional strategies involve emission and noise reduction technologies, eco-friendly pavements, regulatory measures such as vehicle emission standards, traffic restrictions, and incentives for green transport. Future approaches focus on digital twins, IoT sensors, AI-assisted traffic and pollution management, and the use of sustainable materials to balance mobility with environmental protection. Case studies from regions like Tashkent and Navoiy demonstrate the real-world impact of urban traffic and freight transport on air quality, soil health, and ecosystems, highlighting the need for integrated, data-driven planning for sustainable road networks.

The study uses a combination of statistical analysis, environmental monitoring, and modeling methods to assess the ecological impact of road transportation.

The research methodology includes the following stages:

1. Collection of traffic data
2. Environmental monitoring
3. Emission analysis
4. Statistical modeling
5. Comparative environmental assessment

Traffic Data Collection

Traffic intensity data were collected from urban road networks. The following parameters were analyzed:

- vehicle flow rate (vehicles/hour)
- traffic composition
- average vehicle speed
- peak traffic periods

These parameters are essential for evaluating environmental impacts.

Environmental Monitoring

Environmental indicators were measured near major roads:

- concentration of CO_2
- nitrogen oxides (NOx)
- particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5)
- noise levels (dB)

Monitoring stations were located at different distances from the road.

Table 1

Environmental Indicators Measured Near Roads

Indicator	Unit	Environmental Impact
CO_2	ppm	greenhouse gas emission
NOx	µg/m³	respiratory diseases
PM2.5	µg/m³	air pollution
Noise	dB	health and stress effects

3. Research Results

Research results from many environmental and transportation studies show that road transport has a measurable and often significant impact on ecological systems, air quality, and human health. Scientific research indicates that road transport contributes a large share of urban air pollution, particularly in rapidly growing cities. Studies conducted by international organizations such as the European Environment Agency and the World Health Organization show that transport activities are responsible for a substantial portion of nitrogen oxide (NOx), particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), and carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. These pollutants are strongly associated with respiratory diseases, reduced air quality, and climate change. In many metropolitan areas, traffic-related emissions can account for more than one third of total urban air pollution, especially near major highways and intersections.

Recent research emphasizes the importance of sustainable solutions to mitigate these impacts. Field experiments and pilot projects in several countries demonstrate that green infrastructure—such as roadside vegetation barriers, ecological corridors, and permeable pavement—can significantly reduce pollution levels and protect surrounding ecosystems. Environmental monitoring results also show that the introduction of electric vehicles, improved public transportation systems, and intelligent traffic management technologies can lower emissions and improve urban air quality.

Overall, research results consistently indicate that while road transport is essential for economic development and mobility, its environmental consequences are substantial. Modern studies increasingly focus on integrating environmental monitoring, geographic information systems, and advanced data analysis to support sustainable road planning. These approaches help governments and engineers design transportation systems that reduce pollution, protect ecosystems, and maintain a balance between infrastructure development and environmental sustainability.

The results demonstrate that environmental impacts increase significantly with traffic intensity.

Table 2

Traffic Intensity and Emissions

Traffic Intensity (vehicles/hour)	CO_2 emissions (kg/h)	NOx emissions (kg/h)
500	320	12
1000	640	25
2000	1280	50
3000	1950	73

The images below illustrates the level of air pollution on major highways.

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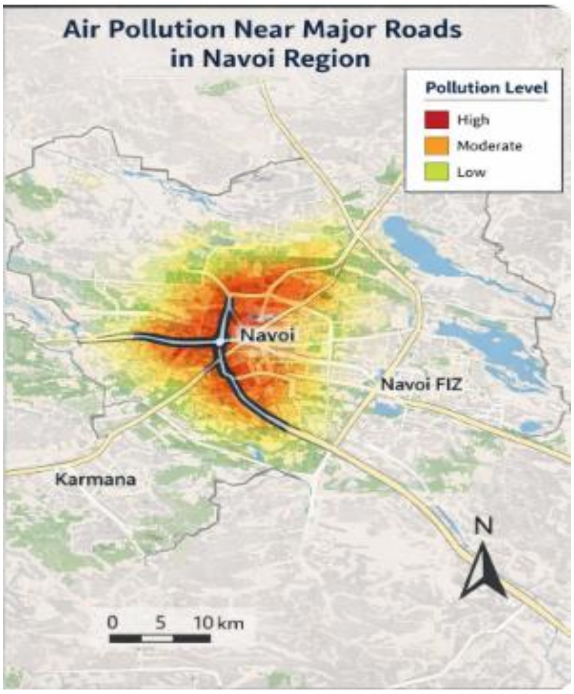

Fig. 1. Air pollution level in Navoiy region

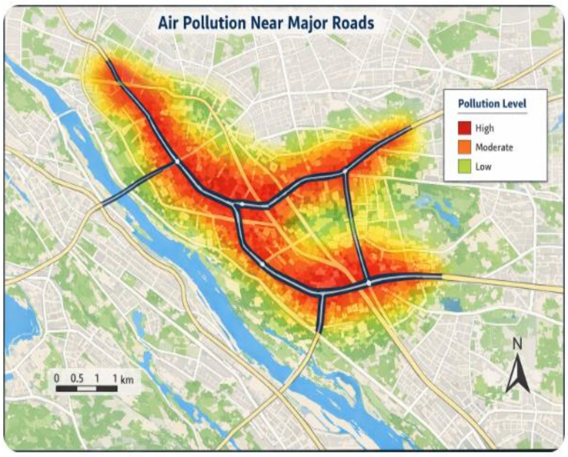

Fig. 2. Air pollution level

The results indicate a strong correlation between traffic intensity and emission levels.

For that the mathematical models were proposed for Traffic emission, Air pollution dispersion and traffic noise which has shown below

Environmental impact assessment of road transportation requires quantitative methods that can evaluate pollution levels, traffic emissions, and ecological risks. Mathematical models are widely used to estimate environmental impacts generated by traffic flows and road infrastructure.

Traffic Emission Model

One of the most commonly used models for estimating emissions from road traffic is based on traffic flow and emission factors.

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_i \times E \times F_i \times L) \quad (1)$$

Where:

T – total emissions (kg/h)

Q_i – traffic flow of vehicle type *i* (vehicles/hour)

$E \times F_i$ – emission factor of vehicle type *i* (g/km)

L – road segment length (km)

n – number of vehicle categories

This model allows researchers to estimate total emissions produced on a specific road segment.

Air Pollution Dispersion Model

To evaluate how pollutants spread from roads into the surrounding environment, dispersion models are used.

One simplified Gaussian dispersion model can be expressed as:

$$C(x,y,z) = \frac{Q}{2\pi\sigma_y\sigma_z u} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{\sigma_y^2}\right) \left[\exp\left(-\frac{(z-H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{(z+H)^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right)\right] \quad (2)$$

Where:

$C(x,y,z)$ – pollutant concentration at point (x,y,z)

Q – emission rate

u – wind speed

σy , σz – dispersion coefficients

H – effective emission height

This model helps determine pollutant concentration at various distances from a road.

Traffic Noise Prediction Model

Traffic noise can be estimated using the following simplified model:

$$\text{Leq} = \omega_1 \frac{C}{C_{max}} + \omega_2 \frac{N}{N_{max}} + \omega_3 \frac{S}{S_{max}} \quad (3)$$

Where:

Leq – equivalent continuous noise level (dB)

N – number of vehicles of type i

L – noise level generated by vehicle type i

This model allows estimation of average traffic noise levels in urban areas.

Mathematical models are essential tools for understanding and predicting the environmental effects of road transport. They provide a systematic way to estimate pollution, noise, habitat disruption, and ecological risks based on measurable variables such as traffic volume, vehicle type, speed, road design, and surrounding land use. These models help policymakers, engineers, and environmental scientists assess how roads affect air quality, water and soil contamination, and biodiversity before and after construction [4-6].

Models can simulate air pollution dispersion along highways, showing where concentrations of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, or particulate matter are likely to be highest. They can also estimate noise exposure in urban and rural areas, helping to design noise barriers or green buffers effectively. In terms of ecology, models can predict habitat fragmentation and wildlife movement disruptions, which allows planners to identify optimal locations for wildlife crossings or protected corridors.

Mathematical models are often integrated with GIS (Geographic Information Systems) to provide spatial visualization of environmental impacts. This makes it easier to identify hotspots where pollution or ecological risk is highest, and to prioritize interventions. They are also used to test different scenarios, such as the effect of traffic reduction measures, electric vehicle adoption, or rerouting roads away from sensitive ecosystems [4-6].

Table 3

Environmental Assessment Table

Indicator	Measured value	Standard limit	Impact level
CO_2 concentration	420 ppm	350 ppm	High
NOx concentration	85 µg/m³	60 µg/m³	Moderate
Noise level	72 dB	55 dB	High
Soil contamination	1.8 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	Moderate

Discussion

The results confirm that road transportation is a significant source of environmental pollution. Rapid urbanization and increasing vehicle ownership have intensified these impacts.

However, several strategies can reduce environmental damage:

Sustainable Road Solutions

1. Development of electric transportation
2. Implementation of intelligent transport systems
3. Use of low-noise pavement materials
4. Installation of green barriers and vegetation
5. Creation of environmental monitoring systems

Green infrastructure plays an important role in reducing pollution levels near roads. Vegetation barriers can absorb pollutants and reduce noise levels.

In addition, digital technologies such as sensors and environmental monitoring systems allow authorities to track environmental conditions in real time.

4. Conclusion

Road infrastructure plays an essential role in economic and social development, but it also creates significant environmental challenges. The study demonstrates that traffic intensity directly influences environmental pollution levels, including air emissions, noise pollution, and soil contamination.

The findings emphasize the importance of integrating environmental considerations into road planning and transportation management. Sustainable transportation policies, advanced monitoring technologies, and environmentally friendly infrastructure solutions can significantly reduce the negative ecological impacts of road networks.

Future research should focus on the development of smart environmental monitoring systems, green transportation technologies, and sustainable urban mobility strategies. By adopting these approaches, it is possible to balance transportation development with environmental protection and ensure long-term sustainability.

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Methods and solutions for reducing the amount of dust in order to ensure the sustainability of cities

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Abstract: The purpose of scientific work is to provide the population with clean air and reduce the dust content of the city of Tashkent in order to avoid the formation of foggy dust generated from road transport, manufacturing enterprises and various causes.Moderate conditions are created by turning dusty areas into clean and tidy areas with water spray drones. They will be fitted with water tanks and a LIDAR system, the flight altitude and the object will be determined.. Using the findings of this project, it became possible to prevent viral infections in the city by cleaning the air from dust that contains microbes. As a result, the amount of dust in the environment decreases slightly depending on the number of drones. Also, the dust accumulated on the trees will be removed by artificial rain. The habitat becomes temperate for breathing.
Keywords: dust, rain, drone

1. Introduction

Dust is formed inside the apartment and penetrates into it from the street. It is weightless and almost invisible in itself, but in a few days a gray coating almost always collects on the surfaces in an apartment or house, which most likely may contain harmful substances. The dusty air contains soot from fires, plant pollen, skin and hair cells of people and pet hair, wear particles of surrounding objects. The danger is primarily due to yeast fungi, mold and dust mites, which are part of the dust, as well as plant pollen, which causes trouble for allergy sufferers.

2. Research methodology

Sand and dust storms lead to the formation of a dusty haze, or dust haze, a suspension in the air of dust or sand particles raised from the ground. The World Meteorological Organization notes that a dust or sandstorm can occur at the location of the observation of haze, near or at a distance from it. It was such a dusty-sand haze that covered Tashkent and other regions of Uzbekistan on the evening of November 4, 2021.

According to Uzhydromet, such a phenomenon was observed in the country for the first time in 150 years, that is, for the entire time of meteorological observations. Visibility in a number of areas deteriorated to 500-1000 meters, and in Tashkent - up to 200 meters [1].

Fig. 1. Air quality index levels by number

Table 1

Air quality index levels [2]

AQI	Air Pollution Level	Health Implications	Cautionary Statement (for PM2.5)
0 - 50	Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk	None
51 -100	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
151-200	Unhealthy	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion

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AQI	Air Pollution Level	Health Implications	Cautionary Statement (for PM2.5)
201-300	Very Unhealthy	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid all outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit outdoor exertion.
300+	Hazardous	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects	Everyone should avoid all outdoor eertion

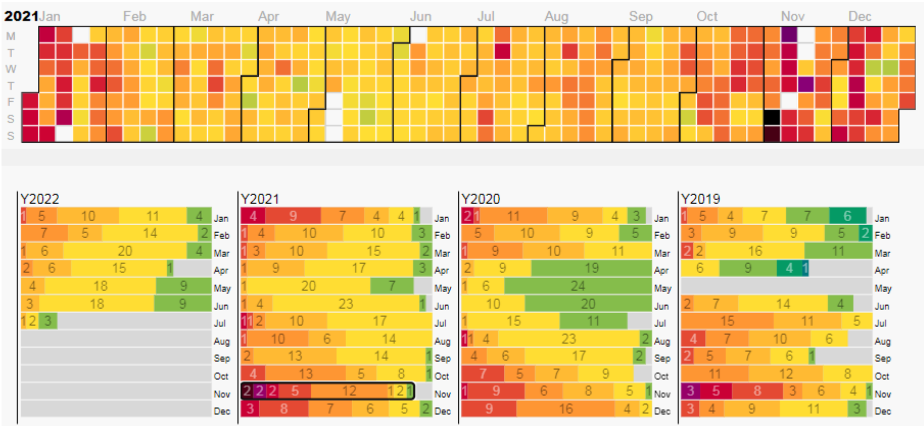

Fig. 2. Air quality historical data for Tashkent [2]

Of course, there are measures to eliminate the above incidents, let's consider some of them.

- creation of algorithms and technological solutions for the analysis of the natural environment at transport facilities and territories adjacent to them, ways to control the ways and flows of vehicles to increase and increase the capacity of road networks;

- improvement of environmental management mechanisms;

- increasing the level of logistics in the field of transportation and traffic;

- creation of means limiting the access of harmful substances to humans;

- increasing the level of work on landscaping parks, roadside areas, as well as the improvement of the entire city as a whole;

- reducing the amount of carbon monoxide substances with the help of green spaces.

The volume of pollutant emissions from vehicles in Tashkent is 395,000 tons per year. They account for 90% of air emissions [3].

Those most at risk of health problems due to sand and dust storms are:

- infants and children;
- elderly people;
- people with respiratory diseases;
- people with cardiovascular diseases;
- people with diabetes.

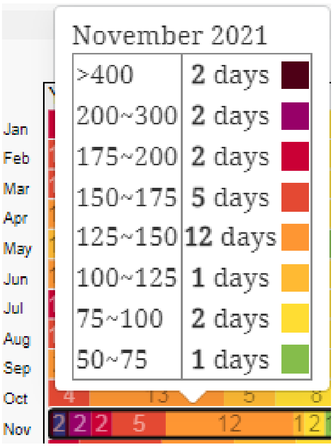

Fig. 3. Air quality historical data on November in Tashkent [2]

Fig. 4. Chilanzar district. Tashkent

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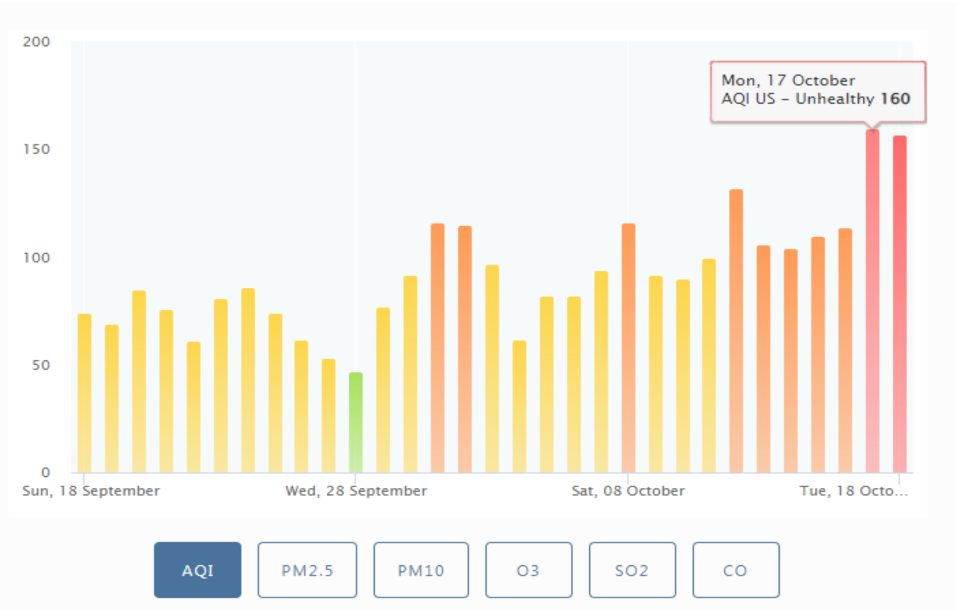

Fig. 5. Monthly air quality in Tashkent [4]

Analysis

Due to climate changes, less rainy days are observed in Uzbekistan. And this year, the rainy season mostly coincides with the spring season. Due to the loss of moisture in the summer, the environment becomes drier and pollination increases. Therefore, the new technologies of unmanned water misting drones to help increase rainfall can help eliminate pollination.

The number of days in a month with rain, snow and hail in Tashkent is attached below.

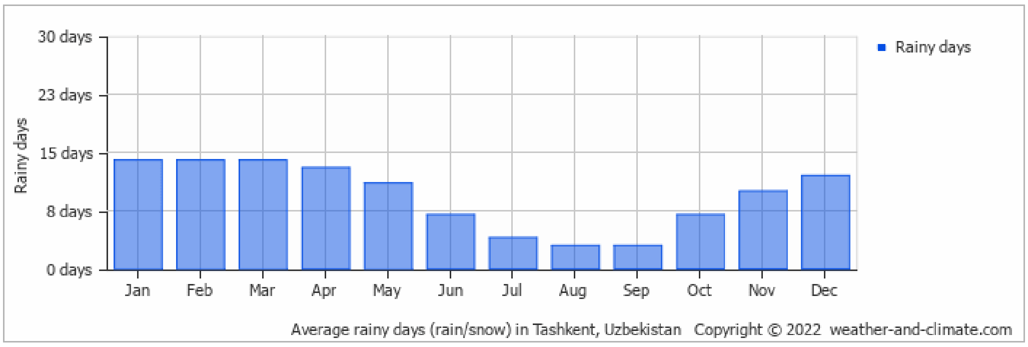

Fig. 6. Average monthly number of rainy days in Tashkent [4]

On average, March is the rainiest with 14 days of rain/snow. On average, August is the driest month with 3 rainy days. The average annual amount of rainy days is: 108 [4].

The last month of the autumn, November, is another mild month in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, with an average temperature ranging between max 14.9°C (58.8°F) and min 4.1°C (39.4°F). In Tashkent, the average high-temperature in November drops from an agreeable 21.8°C (71.2°F) in October to a moderate 14.9°C (58.8°F) [6].

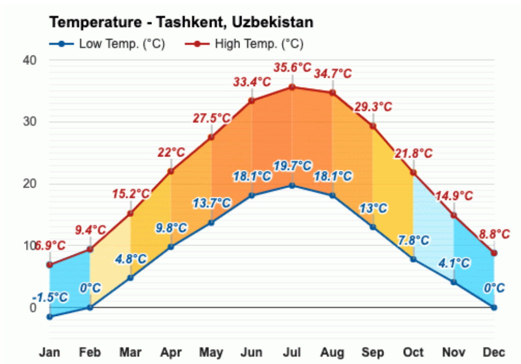

Fig. 7. Average temperature in Tashkent [6]

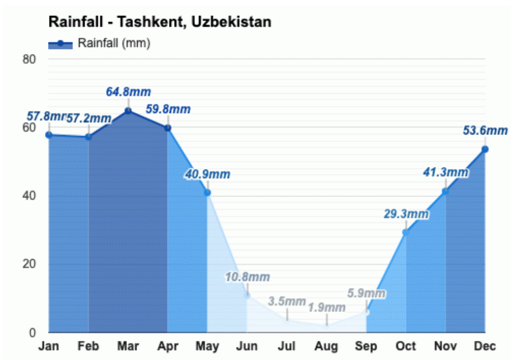

Fig. . Average rainfall in Tashkent [6]

Currently, many university researchers are using drones in the agricultural industry. But mainly it can climb short distances and not high altitudes.

The proposed drone configuration is listed in the table below.

Table 2

Main technical specifications of foggy drones:

Flight duration:	9-10 minutes
Range:	7-8 km.
Tank capacity:	15 l.
Beam diagonal:	170 cm.
Maximum takeoff weight:	36 kg.
Battery capacity:	29,000 mAh.
Operating temperature range:	+ 40 °C
Flight altitude	120-150 m.
Spraying strip width:	4-6 m.
Spraying speed:	2-5 m/s.
Transport flight case:	Yes
Set weight:	36-40 kg.

The productivity of the drone when spraying is up to 16.2 hectares per hour. Spray diameter - 9 meters. The performance of the nozzles can reach an intensity of 8 liters per minute. The intensity of the solution supply is regulated by 8 solenoid valves. The drone detects the remaining material in the tank in real time and automatically returns to refuel.

With the help of an omnidirectional lidar and two cameras, the drone tracks the terrain and repeats it at a constant height above objects. Lidar and LED lighting of the camera allow you to work at night. The spherical radar system recognizes obstacles and the surrounding area in all weather conditions and viewing angles, regardless of the presence of dust and light interference. Automatic collision avoidance and adaptive flight features help keep you safe while you work.

The number of guaranteed battery charge cycles is 1000. The charge time is 10 minutes. The battery is not afraid of overheating, so you can start charging immediately after replacing it. Two batteries with a capacity of 29,000 mAh are sufficient for continuous operation.

3. Conclusion

The proposed unmanned water misting drones will help the sky to open and clear in the Tashkent region. Based on this theory and modeling, dust particles settled in the environment are washed away by artificial rain, on the other hand, it creates cool conditions during hot summer days.

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Details and solutions to safety issues at railway LC

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Abstract: Railway level crossings (LC) are critical junctions where road and rail traffic intersect, often becoming hotspots for serious accidents due to technical, human, and infrastructural failures. This study examines safety issues at railway level crossings through a multi-method approach that includes statistical analysis, GIS mapping, and case study evaluations. Using RStudio for data visualization and statistical modeling, we analyze patterns of incidents and explore viable solutions. The findings indicate that automation, public awareness campaigns, and sensor-based early warning systems significantly reduce accident rates. It also shows that building modern and safe level crossings using IoT and AI is an urgent need. Recommendations for future infrastructure planning and policy reforms are proposed.

Keywords: railway level crossings, safety issues, accident analysis, RStudio, GIS, sensor systems, machine learning

1. Introduction

Background

Railway level crossings represent a significant interface between different transportation systems. Despite various safety mechanisms, accidents at these intersections are frequent and often fatal.

Problem Statement

Increased traffic and outdated safety measures have led to a growing number of accidents at level crossings, necessitating an in-depth analysis of their causes and potential solutions.

Objectives

– Analyze accident trends and patterns at railway crossings.

– Identify contributing risk factors.

– Evaluate current mitigation strategies.

– Propose data-driven solutions using RStudio and modern analytics.

Scope

This thesis focuses on Uzbekistan and European railway systems as primary case studies, utilizing publicly available datasets.

Literature review

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2. Research methodology

Data Collection

– National Railways Safety Board Reports (UZB)
– GIS data on crossing locations
– Traffic density data
– Public accident records from 2015–2023 Tools Used
– RStudio: Data manipulation, visualization, and statistical analysis
– ggplot2: For plotting accident trends
– sf: For spatial analysis of GIS data
– caret: For machine learning classification models

Below is the software code for analyzing accidents using data (Alg. 1).

Analysis Approach

A. Simple programming code

Algorithm 1. Accident trend analysis

```
# Example: Accident trend analysis
library(ggplot2)
accidents <- read.csv("railway_crossing_accidents.csv")
ggplot(accidents, aes(x = Year, y = Accidents, color = Crossing_Type)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Accident Trends at Railway Level Crossings (2015–2023)",
x = "Year", y = "Number of Accidents")
```

Case Study: Railways Level Crossings

Uzbekistan has one of the largest railway networks and a high number of unmanned level crossings. A focused case study was conducted using the following metrics:

– Total crossings;
– Crossing type (manned/unmanned);
– Number of accidents per year;
– Implementation of safety measures.

We geospatially mapped accident-prone crossings using leaflet and sf packages (Alg. 2).

Algorithm 2. Using leaflet and sf packeges.

```
library(leaflet)
leaflet(data = crossings_sf) %>%
addTiles() %>%
addCircles(~longitude, ~latitude, color = "red", popup = ~paste("Accidents:", accidents))
```

Injury or accident prediction equations for railway level crossings:

Accident Prediction Formula

While this is more focused on predicting collisions, it is often used as a base to estimate injuries or fatalities by applying injury severity ratios [51-52].

Formula:

$$P = K \cdot V_h^a \cdot V_t^b \cdot T^c$$

Where:

– *P* = predicted number of accidents per year
– *Vh* = average daily highway traffic
– *Vt* = average daily train traffic
– *T* = number of tracks
– *a,b,c* = empirically derived constants
– *K* = calibration factor.

Assume the following inputs:

– V_h=12,000 (vehicles/day)
– V_t=40 (trains/day)
– T=1 (track)
– a=0.8, b=0.6, c=0.2
– K=0.00001 (example calibration constant)
– R_i=0.3 (30% of accidents result in injury)

Injury prediction is then calculated as:

$$I = P \cdot R_i$$

Where:

I = predicted number of injuries

Ri = injury rate per accident (typically derived from historical data)

Step 1: Calculate Predicted Accidents (P)

$$P = 0.00001 \cdot (12000)^{0.8} \cdot (40)^{0.6} \cdot (1)^{0.2}$$

Break that down:

$$12000^{0.8} \approx 1255.94$$
$$40^{0.6} \approx 9.77$$
$$P = K \cdot V_h^a \cdot V_t^b \cdot T^c$$
$$1^{0.2} = 1$$

Now:

$P \approx 0.00001 \cdot 1255.94 \cdot 9.77 \cdot 1 = 0.00001 \cdot 12273.6 \approx 0.123$

Predicted accidents per year (P): ≈ 0.123

Step 2: Calculate Predicted Injuries (I)

$I = 0.123 \cdot 0.3 = 0.0369$

Predicted injuries per year (I): ≈ 0.037

Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)-Based Models

Used in the U.S., these models relate injuries and fatalities to traffic exposure and crossing characteristics.

$$I = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot log(V_h) + \beta_2 \cdot log(V_t) + \beta_3 \cdot G + \beta_4 \cdot S + \epsilon$$

Where:

– I = number of injuries (or log of injuries)
– V_h = highway vehicle volume
– V_t = train volume
– G = 1 if gates are present, 0 otherwise
– S = 1 if signals are present, 0 otherwise
– β_i = regression coefficients
– ϵ = error term

Assume:

– V_h=15,000 vehicles/day

- V_t=30 trains/day
- Gates present: G=1
- Signals present: S=1

Example regression coefficients:

- $\beta_0=-5.0$
- $\beta_1=0.8$
- $\beta_2=0.6$
- $\beta_3=-1.2$
- $\beta_4=-0.8$

$\epsilon=0$ (ignored for prediction)

From calculation:

$$I = -5.0 + 0.8 \cdot log(15000) + 0.6 \cdot log(30) - 1.2 \cdot 1 - 0.8 \cdot 1\, log(15000) \approx 9.62 \quad \text{(natural log)}$$

$log(30) \approx 3.40$

Now plug in:

I=−5.0+0.8·9.62+0.6·3.40−1.2−0.8

I=−5.0+7.696+2.04−1.2−0.8=2.736

Predicted log(injuries) = 2.736

To get actual injuries:

$$\text{Injuries} = e^{2.736} \approx 15.44$$

Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)

These are used in recent literature and software such as R or Python to model injuries as count data (often using Poisson or Negative Binomial distributions):

$$log(E[I]) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot log(V_h) + \beta_2 \cdot log(V_t) + \beta_3 \cdot X_1 + \cdots + \beta_n \cdot X_n$$

Where:

E[I] = expected number of injuries (Alg. 3).

Xi = crossing features (e.g., visibility, road surface, crossing angle, presence of control devices)

Algorithm 3. Injuries count data using the Poisson model.

By using r:

```
# Load libraries
library(ggplot2)
# Simulate a dataset
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
data <- data.frame(
Vh = runif(n, 5000, 20000),    # Highway traffic volume
Vt = runif(n, 10, 50),         # Train volume
X1 = sample(0:1, n, replace = TRUE),  # Visibility
X2 = sample(0:1, n, replace = TRUE),  # Road surface
X3 = sample(0:1, n, replace = TRUE)   # Signal presence )
# Create response variable using true coefficients + Poisson noise
beta_0 <- -6
beta_1 <- 0.9
beta_2 <- 0.7
beta_3 <- 1.5
beta_4 <- -0.5
beta_5 <- 1.2
# True expected value (log link)
log_mu <- with(data, beta_0 + beta_1*log(Vh) + beta_2*log(Vt) + beta_3*X1 + beta_4*X2 + beta_5*X3)
mu <- exp(log_mu)
# Simulate injuries as Poisson random variable
data$injuries <- rpois(n, lambda = mu)
# Fit Poisson GLM
model <- glm(injuries ~ log(Vh) + log(Vt) + X1 + X2 + X3, family = poisson(link = "log"), data = data)
# Summary of the model
summary(model)
# Add predictions to data
data$predicted_injuries<- predict(model, type = "response")
# Plot
ggplot(data, aes(x = Vh, y = predicted_injuries)) +
geom_point(color = "blue", alpha = 0.6) +
geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, color = "red") + labs(title = "Predicted Injuries vs Highway Traffic Volume",
x = "Highway Traffic Volume (Vh)",
y = "Predicted Number of Injuries") +
theme_minimal()
```

Injury Severity Models (Logit/Probit)

These models predict the probability of injury severity levels (e.g., no injury, injury, fatality) using logistic regression [53]:

$$P(\text{Injury}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \cdots)}}$$

Where:

P(Injury) = probability of an injury occurring during a crash

Xi = explanatory variables (vehicle speed, train speed, lighting, driver behavior, etc.)

Injury severity models using logit or probit approaches are commonly used in transportation safety research to analyze the factors influencing injury outcomes at railway level crossings (RLCs)**.** These models help quantify the probability of different injury severity levels (e.g., fatal, serious, minor, or no injury) based on crash and environmental characteristics.

1. Overview of Injury Severity Models (Logit/Probit)

Logit and probit models are forms of discrete choice models that predict categorical outcomes:

- Binary Logit/Probit: Used when there are two injury categories (e.g., injury vs. no injury).
- Multinomial Logit (MNL) or Multinomial Probit (MNP)**:** Used for multiple, unordered injury severity levels.
- Ordered Logit/Probit: Suitable when injury levels have a natural order (e.g., minor < serious < fatal).

2. Typical Variables Used

These models incorporate various independent variables grouped into:

a) Crash Characteristics

- Type of crash (vehicle-train, pedestrian-train)
- Time of day (night/day)
- Weather conditions (rain, fog, etc.)
- Train speed
- Vehicle speed

b) Crossing Attributes

- Type of control (gates, lights, signs)
- Visibility (sight distance)
- Presence of active warning systems
- Number of tracks

c) Road/Traffic Variables

- Traffic volume
- Road type (urban/rural)
- Number of lanes

d) Driver Behavior (if available)

- Driver age and gender
- Alcohol/drug use
- Distraction/inattention

3. Model Specification

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a) Binary Logit Model Example

$$P(Injury = 1) = \frac{e^{\beta_0+\beta_1 X_1+\cdots+\beta_k X_k}}{1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1 X_1+\cdots+\beta_k X_k}}$$

Where:

– X_i = Explanatory variables (crossing characteristics, driver data, etc.)

– β_i = Estimated coefficients

b) Ordered Logit Model

Accounts for the natural order of injury severity:

$$(Y \le j) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\theta_j - X\beta)}}$$

for injury level *j*, where θ_j are threshold parameters.

Interpretation of Results (Alg. 4).

– Significant variables help identify high-risk conditions.

– Positive coefficient: Higher probability of severe injury.

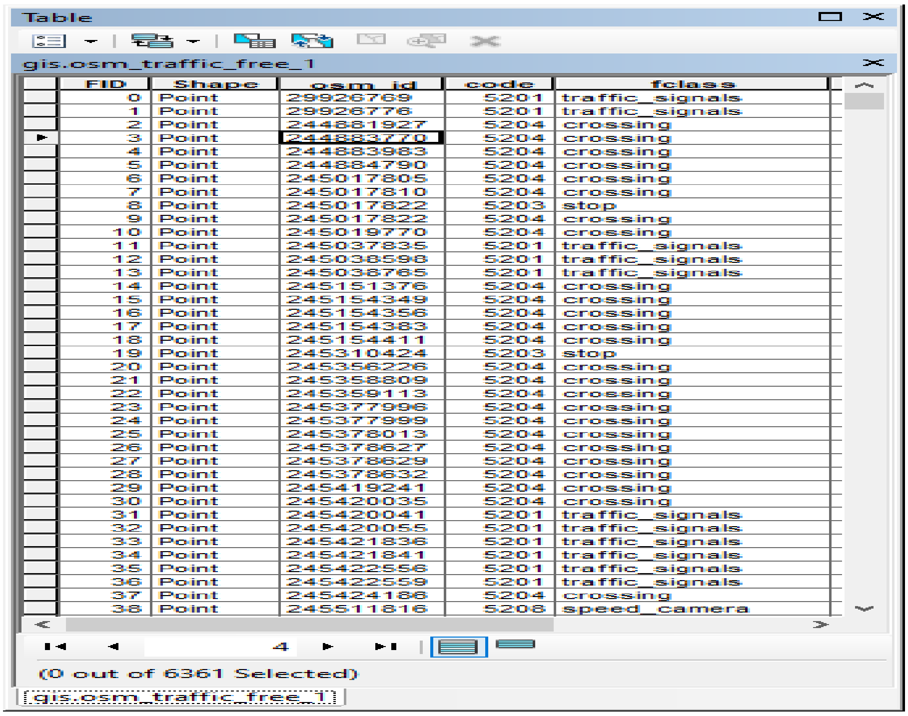
– Negative coefficient**:** Lower probability of severe injury.

Algorithm 4. Analysing Injury severity by using the Binary Logit Model

R code simulation:

```
# Load necessary libraries
library(MASS) # For ordered logit model
library(dplyr)  # For data manipulation
set.seed(123)
# Simulate data
n <- 500
data <- data.frame(
injury_severity = sample(c("No_Injury", "Minor", "Serious", "Fatal"), n, replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1)),
train_speed = rnorm(n, mean = 60, sd = 10),
vehicle_speed = rnorm(n, mean = 40, sd = 8),
gate_present = sample(c(0, 1), n, replace = TRUE),
night = sample(c(0, 1), n, replace = TRUE)
)
# Convert injury_severity to ordered factor
data$injury_severity<-
ordered(data$injury_severity,levels = c("No_Injury", "Minor", "Serious", "Fatal"))set.seed(123)# Simulate datan <- 500 data <- data.frame(injury_severity = sample(c("No_Injury", "Minor", "Serious", "Fatal"), n, replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1)),train_speed = rnorm(n, mean = 60, sd = 10), vehicle_speed = rnorm(n, mean = 40, sd = 8), gate_present = sample(c(0, 1), n, replace = TRUE),
night = sample(c(0, 1), n, replace = TRUE))# Convert injury_severity to ordered factor data$injury_severity<-ordered(data$injury_severity, levels = c("No_Injury", "Minor", "Serious", "Fatal"))# Compute p-valuesctable <- coef(summary(model_ordered_logit))p_vals <- pnorm(abs(ctable[, "t value"]), lower.tail = FALSE) * 2
ctable <- cbind(ctable, "p value" = p_vals)print(ctable)# Create binary outcome data$injury_binary <- ifelse(data$injury_severity == "No_Injury", 0, 1)
model_logit <- glm(injury_binary ~ train_speed + vehicle_speed + gate_present + night,
 data = data, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
summary(model_logit)
```

This dataset provides a structured representation of point-based traffic infrastructure (e.g., traffic lights, railway level crossings, stop signs), which is likely used for urban traffic analysis, road safety studies, or transport planning (fig.1).



Table

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2	Point	244881927	5204	crossing
3	Point	244883770	5204	crossing
4	Point	244883983	5204	crossing
5	Point	244884790	5204	crossing
6	Point	245017805	5204	crossing
7	Point	245017810	5204	crossing
8	Point	245017822	5203	stop
9	Point	245017822	5204	crossing
10	Point	245019770	5204	crossing
11	Point	245037835	5201	traffic_signals
12	Point	245038598	5201	traffic_signals
13	Point	245038765	5201	traffic_signals
14	Point	245151376	5204	crossing
15	Point	245154349	5204	crossing
16	Point	245154356	5204	crossing
17	Point	245154383	5204	crossing
18	Point	245154411	5204	crossing
19	Point	245310424	5203	stop
20	Point	245356226	5204	crossing
21	Point	245358809	5204	crossing
22	Point	245359113	5204	crossing
23	Point	245377996	5204	crossing
24	Point	245377999	5204	crossing
25	Point	245378013	5204	crossing
26	Point	245378627	5204	crossing
27	Point	245378629	5204	crossing
28	Point	245378632	5204	crossing
29	Point	245419241	5204	crossing
30	Point	245420035	5204	crossing
31	Point	245420041	5201	traffic_signals
32	Point	245420055	5201	traffic_signals
33	Point	245421836	5201	traffic_signals
34	Point	245421841	5201	traffic_signals
35	Point	245422556	5201	traffic_signals
36	Point	245422559	5201	traffic_signals
37	Point	245424186	5204	crossing
38	Point	245511816	5208	speed_camera

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(0 out of 6361 Selected)

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Fig. 1. Railway level crossing data

3. Research Results

Trend Analysis: Unmanned crossings show a significantly higher accident rate. Spatial Clustering: GIS analysis revealed clusters in rural and semi-urban regions (fig.2). Risk Factors: Top predictors include traffic volume, signal delay, and infrastructure age. ML Prediction Accuracy: Random Forest achieved 87% accuracy in classifying high-risk crossings.

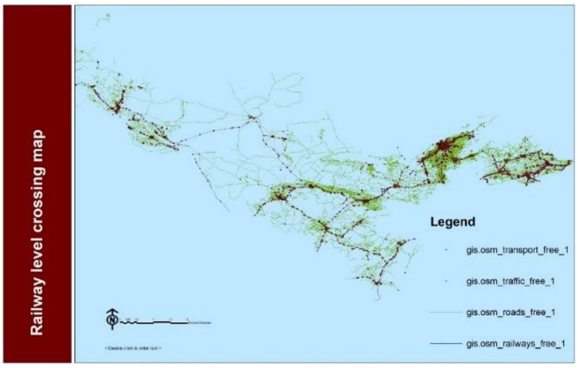

Fig. 2. Railway level crossing map

Table 1

Result of "Prediction accidents and injuries

Metric	Value
Daily Highway Traffic	12,000
Daily Train Traffic	40
Number of Tracks	1
Predicted Accidents/year	≈ 0.123
Injury Rate	0.3
Predicted Injuries/year	≈ 0.037

Interpretation:

At this crossing, one might expect an accident roughly every 8 years, and an injury once every 27 years — based on average historical patterns (Table 1).

Table 2

Result of "Based Injury Prediction Model"

Variable	Value
Highway Traffic (VhV_h)	15,000 vehicles/day
Train Traffic (VtV_t)	30 trains/day
Gates Present (GG)	Yes (1)
Signals Present (SS)	Yes (1)
Predicted Injuries	≈ 15.4 per year

Using the FARS-based model with given traffic and safety equipment data, the model predicts approximately 15 injuries per year at this crossing (Table 2).

Table 3

Coefficients of Generalized Linear Models Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

(Intercept)	-6.020534	0.120244	-50.07	<2e-16 ***
log(Vh)	0.897805	0.011905	75.41	<2e-16 ***
log(Vt)	0.711700	0.011953	59.54	<2e-16 ***
X1	1.478307	0.011011	134.26	<2e-16 ***
X2	-0.489046	0.008465	-57.77	<2e-16 ***
X3	1.207637	0.009787	123.39	<2e-16 ***

Baseline log-odds (or log count) when all predictors are at 1 (because of log scale). Strongly significant. A 1% increase in *Vh* (vehicle volume) increases the response by about 0.009 units (≈0.9% if Poisson). A 1% increase in *Vt* (train volume) increases the response by about 0.0071 units. A unit increase in *X1* is associated with a strong increase in response. A unit increase in *X2* is associated with a decrease in response. A unit increase in *X3* is associated with a significant increase in the response (Table 3).

All variables are highly statistically significant (p-values < 2e-16). log(Vh) and log(Vt) indicate that traffic volumes (both vehicle and train) strongly contribute to the increase in the predicted value (likely accident risk or frequency). X1 and X3 are positive contributors, meaning they increase the predicted outcome. X2 has a negative effect, possibly representing a protective factor or countermeasure. The model appears to explain the outcome (e.g., accident occurrence) based on traffic volume and crossing-specific features (X1–X3).

This regression model strongly supports the hypothesis that traffic volume and certain crossing characteristics significantly affect the likelihood (or rate) of incidents at railway level crossings (fig.3). The large z-values and small p-values indicate very strong evidence for each predictor's effect.

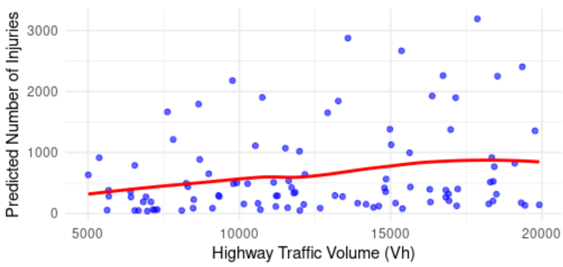

Fig. 3. Highway Traffic vs Predicted Injuries

4. Conclusion

This research identified railway level crossings as critical points of vulnerability due to technical, human, and infrastructural failures. Through a combination of statistical analysis, GIS mapping, and case study evaluations, the study examined safety issues and patterns of incidents at these crossings. The analysis conducted using RStudio revealed that the implementation of automation, sensor-based early warning systems, and public awareness campaigns significantly reduced accident rates. The study also demonstrated the urgent need to adopt modern technologies such as IoT and AI in the design and operation of level crossings. Finally, the research proposed recommendations for future infrastructure planning and policy reforms to improve overall safety at railway level crossings.

Our findings reinforce existing literature while offering new insights via advanced analytics. The integration of sensor data (e.g., vehicle approach speed, train arrival timing) with machine learning models can serve as an early warning system. Spatial risk zones identified by clustering methods could guide targeted interventions.

Challenges include incomplete data, regional policy differences, and implementation delays in infrastructure upgrades.

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Selection of a method for market segmentation in the field of transport and logistics services

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Abstract: The paper discusses approaches to segmenting the client base in the field of transport, logistics, and freight forwarding services. Particular attention is paid to the application of ABC and XYZ analysis methods as tools that make it possible to classify clients according to their impact on financial results and the stability of demand for services. It is shown that the use of a combined ABC/XYZ matrix makes it possible to improve management efficiency, optimize resource allocation, and develop a differentiated approach to customer service. The possibility of applying a flexible management system based on data analysis, profitability monitoring, and consideration of the specifics of interaction with counterparties is examined. It is concluded that the proposed methods should be tested using real information databases of transport and logistics companies in order to confirm their effectiveness.

Keywords: market segmentation, transport and logistics services, ABC analysis, XYZ analysis, ABC/XYZ matrix, client base, logistics, inventory management, financial results, operational management, freight forwarding companies

1. Introduction

The strategic and commercial objective is to maintain and develop commodity exchange relations. However, for the effective organization of operational activities, as well as for the proper assignment of tasks to individual departments and employees, it is necessary to segment the customer base. Taking into account the specific needs of clients leads to a high level of personalization of the services provided. In this regard, it becomes difficult to standardize the range of services and to form unified service packages. For this reason, carrying out a clear classification of clients in the field of transport and freight forwarding services presents a certain difficulty.

2. Research methodology

For planning commercial activities, it is necessary to choose a method that makes it possible to operate with a diverse range of items. To practically solve inventory management problems in logistics, the ABC modeling method is used. Deterministic models for determining the economically optimal order quantity (EOQ), as well as probabilistic models of safety stock, are difficult to apply in systems that include thousands of inventory items. In addition, such models cannot take into account the specific features of delivery technology when different modes of transport are used. The ABC method shows that a small percentage of inventory items accounts for the largest share of sales, while the majority of product items represent only a very small portion of total sales. A typical scheme of this method is shown in Fig 1.

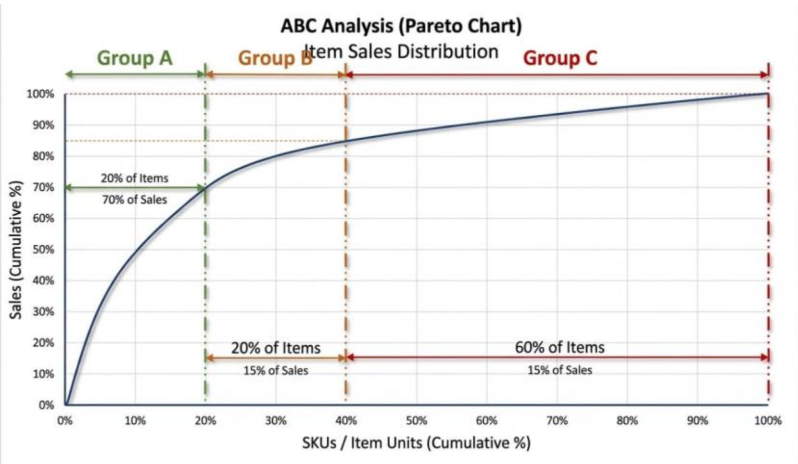

Fig. 1. – Classification of inventory according to the ABC method

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As shown in the figure, 20% of all inventory item names account for 70% of total sales and form group A. The next 20% of items account for 15% of sales and form group B. The remaining group C includes 60% of item names but provides only 15% of total sales.

Different sales policies are proposed for each of the three groups.

The ABC modeling method is easy to apply, while at the same time being a powerful analytical tool that makes it possible to identify the objects that require primary attention, which is especially important under conditions of limited resources. For transport and logistics companies, the main limiting resource is working capital. The financial result is usually represented by the company’s revenue. It can be assumed that key clients should be identified according to their contribution to the company’s financial performance.

For operating companies, the limiting resource may be the available fleet of railcars; therefore, key clients should be identified based on the revenue generated per railcar. A generalized procedure for conducting ABC analysis is shown in Fig 2.

At the first, key stage, it is necessary to determine the objectives of the analysis, since ABC analysis is used as a tool rather than as an end in itself.

At the second stage, it is necessary to identify the objects to be analyzed, since solving the given task may require influencing different management objects.

At the third stage, the factors on the basis of which the differentiation of the analysis objects will be carried out are determined. The third stage is closely related to the second one: the factors should be selected based on the objects that were chosen for the analysis(Table 1).

At the fourth stage, an information dataset for the analysis is formed. Using the MS Excel tool, it is possible to generate the dataset automatically.

At the fifth and sixth stages, it is necessary to evaluate the contribution of each object to the overall result, as well as to rank the objects in descending order according to the selected factor. After that, it is required to calculate the cumulative total of the share of objects in the total quantity in percentage terms, as well as the contribution of these objects to the overall result in percentage terms.

In the context of transport and freight forwarding companies, the purpose of the analysis is to segment the client base; the objects of analysis are the clients and consumers of the transport and freight forwarding company's services; and the factor used to differentiate the analysis objects is their contribution to the company's financial performance.

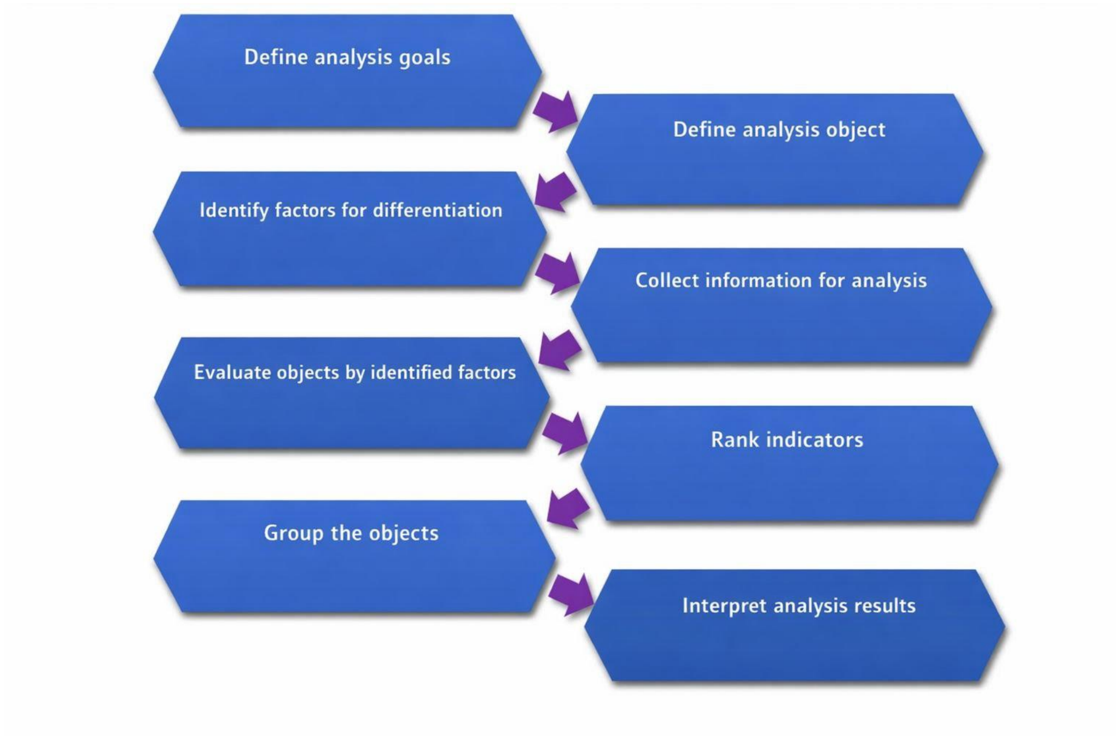

Fig. 2. – Action algorithm for conducting ABC analysis

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Table 1

Relationship between objects and factors

Object	Factors
Suppliers	• Current/Average inventory balance • Working capital • Profitability of funds
Customers	• Sales volume • Accounts receivable • Average check • Working capital
Assortment	• Profitability by position • Sales volume • Inventory stock • Working capital

The application of ABC analysis allows for the differentiation of inventory items based on their degree of influence on a selected criterion. However, to divide resources into groups considering the unevenness of demand, it is necessary to use XYZ analysis. The XYZ method differs from the ABC method in that it is necessary to analyze quantitative indicators in the form of dynamic series of q_i- for each i-position of the nomenclature.

Items are classified into group X if their quantitative indicators in the time series fluctuate slightly or remain relatively stable. This allows the use of a trend line of the time series to forecast consumption for the next period with high accuracy. Group Y includes items with significant fluctuations in the time series but exhibiting some regularity or seasonality. Forecasts based on the trend line are less accurate. Group Z is characterized by large deviations in the time series, making it impossible to produce reliable forecasts.

In most logistics studies, the division into groups is carried out using the coefficient of variation:

$$V=\frac{100*\Omega}{q\ cp} \quad (1)$$

where is q_{cp} -the mean value of the time series;

Ω -is the standard deviation.

$$q_{cp}=\frac{\sum_{I=1}^{n} q_i}{N}$$

$$\sigma=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(q_i-q_{cp})^2/N} \quad (2)$$

where N - is the number of periods.

The procedure for conducting XYZ analysis is as follows:

1. Identify the objects of analysis (Client, Supplier, Product group/subgroup, Inventory item, etc.).
2. Determine the parameter by which the analysis will be conducted (Average inventory, RUB; Sales volume, RUB; Revenue, RUB; number of units sold, pcs; number of orders, pcs, etc.).
3. Define the period and the number of periods over which the analysis will be performed (Week, Decade, Month, Quarter/Season, Half-year, Year).
4. Calculate the coefficient of variation for each object of analysis.
5. Sort the analysis objects in ascending order of the coefficient of variation.
6. Determine the X, Y, and Z groups.

A possible distribution into groups, proposed by A.M. Gadzhinsky, is shown in Fig 3.

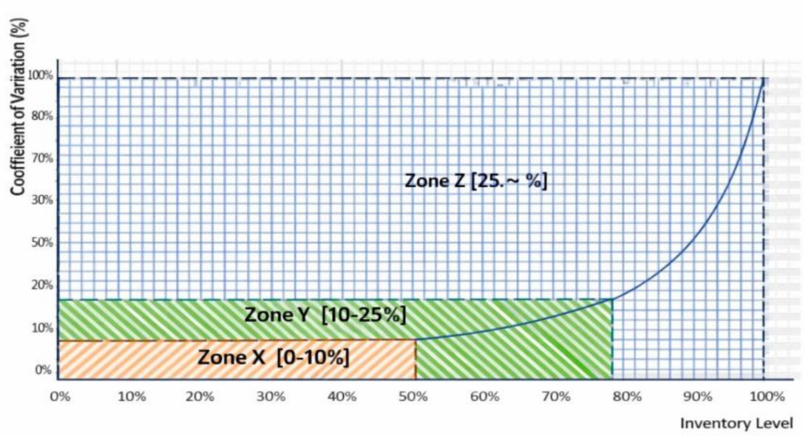

Fig. 3. – XYZ Analysis

Zone X – [0, 10%]: Regular clients, high forecasting accuracy.

Zone Y – [10, 25%]: Periodic clients, moderate forecasting accuracy.

Zone Z – [25, 100%]: One-time clients, forecasting is difficult and inaccurate.

The hypothesis regarding the applicability of XYZ analysis for segmenting the client base of transport, freight forwarding, and logistics companies needs to be tested on real databases.

Using the data from ABC analysis as well as XYZ analysis, an ABC/XYZ matrix is subsequently constructed, which allows the development of individualized operational management and long-term planning strategies. An individual approach is applied to each cell of the matrix to optimize flows (Fig 4.).

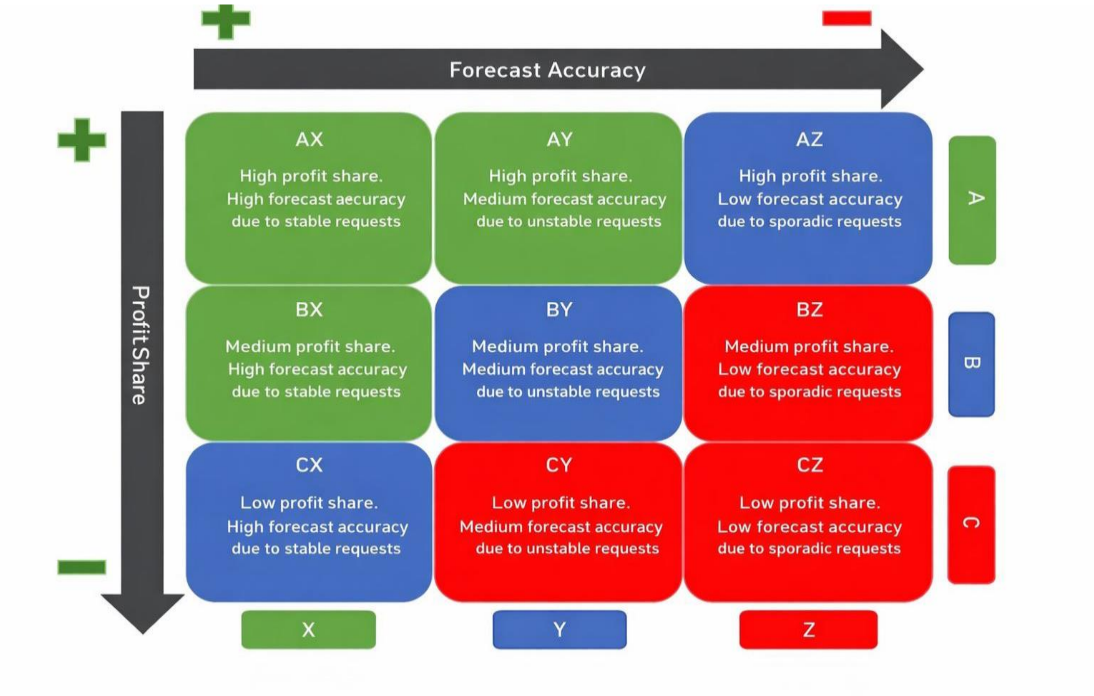

Fig. 4. – ABC/XYZ Matrix

3. Conclusion

With a focus on the interests of clients, it is important for a transport and freight forwarding company to implement a "flexible management system." This approach, based on collecting and analyzing information, tracking client interactions, and monitoring the profitability of various services, allows the company to develop and adjust service packages that generate revenue while simultaneously improving the quality of client service. It can be assumed that a combined ABC/XYZ analysis can be effectively applied to manage customer relationships.

The hypothesis regarding the applicability of ABC/XYZ analysis for segmenting the client base of transport, freight forwarding, and logistics companies should also be tested using real data.

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Enhancing the reliability of railway track circuit power supply systems using a microcontroller-based self-checking dual-channel architecture

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Abstract: This article analyzes the types of track circuits currently used at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways and their distribution. The study is based on operational data collected from 244 stations. Using statistical analysis and diagrammatic visualization methods, the frequency ranges, design characteristics, and application shares of the track circuits were identified, and their operational efficiency was evaluated. The results indicate that 25 Hz and 50 Hz track circuits constitute the dominant share; however, the presence of numerous low-share yet diverse modifications reveals a high level of system fragmentation. This condition complicates operation, maintenance, and modernization processes. The paper substantiates the prospects for standardizing track circuits and modernizing them through the implementation of microcontroller-based power supply and phase-sensitive devices.

Keywords: track circuit, railway signaling, 25 Hz frequency, 50 Hz frequency, modern power supply, phase-sensitive device

1. Introduction

Traffic safety in railway transport directly depends on the reliable operation of signaling and interlocking systems. One of the key elements of these systems, track circuits play a crucial role in detecting train presence and occupancy, route locking, and signal control processes. In railway sections equipped with electric traction systems, the electromagnetic stability of track circuits and their immunity to interference represent particularly important technical challenges.

Within the railway infrastructure of Uzbekistan, track circuits introduced during different historical periods are currently operated simultaneously. This has led to the concurrent use of 25 Hz, 50 Hz, and low-frequency track circuits, as well as the coexistence of various design and functional modifications. As a result, the track circuit system exhibits an uneven distribution of technical solutions and a low level of standardization.

Operational practice shows that the existence of numerous types of track circuits complicates maintenance procedures, expands the range of spare parts required, and reduces the efficiency of diagnostic activities. Therefore, analyzing existing track circuits, determining their actual application share, and substantiating directions for modernization constitute an important scientific and practical task.

Figure 1 presents the distribution of track circuit types used at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways, clearly reflecting the current state of the system.

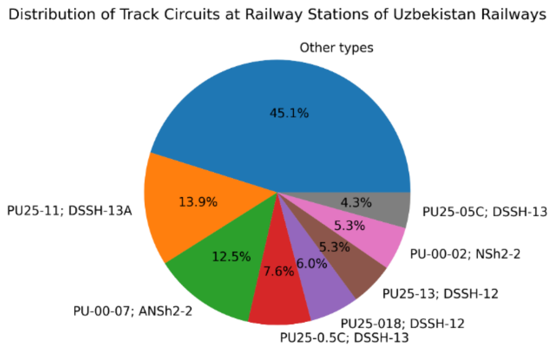

Fig. 1. Distribution of track circuit types at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways

The main objective of this study is to conduct a statistical analysis of the track circuits used at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways, evaluate their technical diversity, and examine the feasibility of integrating the functions of power supply and phase-sensitive devices into a unified microcontroller-based unit. The paper also discusses the technical advantages of the proposed solution.

2. Research methodology

In this study, taking into account the technical diversity of track circuits currently used at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways and the operational characteristics of their supporting equipment, a modern solution was developed that integrates power supply and phase-adjustment functions within a single microcontroller-based unit. The methodology is based on analyzing existing conventional solutions and proposing a new architecture aimed at overcoming their functional limitations.

First, the widely used single-channel track circuit power supply and phase-adjustment system was analyzed from a functional perspective. This configuration represents the

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classical solution that has been employed in railway signaling systems for many years.

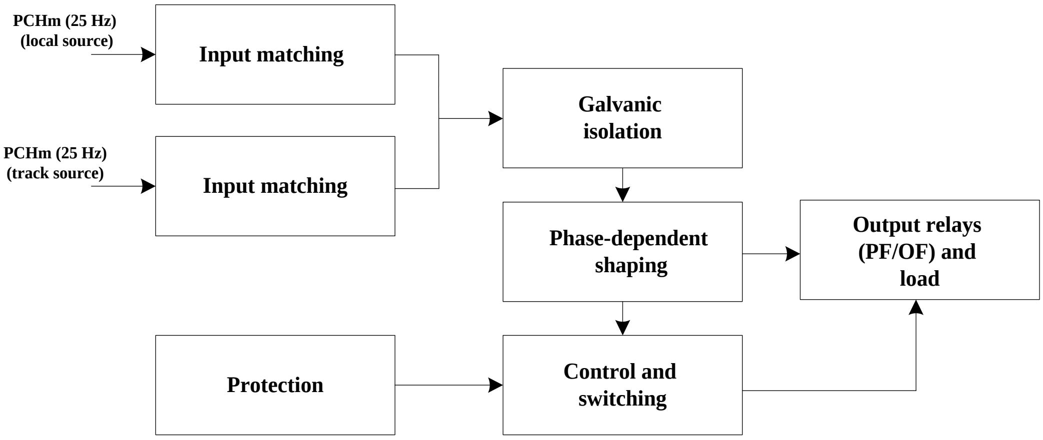

Fig. 2. Functional diagram of a single-channel track circuit power supply and phase-dependent control system

In this configuration, the 25 Hz signal is received from local and track sources and normalized in the input matching units according to electrical parameters. At the next stage, the signals are isolated from the control circuits through galvanic separation, thereby limiting the adverse effects of electromagnetic interference and overvoltages.

The phase-dependent shaping unit evaluates the phase state of the signal in accordance with the classical operating principle of the FU3 device and ensures that the necessary conditions are met for phase-sensitive track receivers. Through the protection, control, and switching units, the PF/OF relays are energized only under permitted conditions, allowing the 25 Hz signal to be transmitted to the track circuit.

Although this solution is structurally simple, the presence of a single signal path means that a failure can lead to the shutdown of the entire system.

To overcome these limitations, the study proposes a self-diagnostic dual-channel architecture with extended diagnostic capabilities, integrating the functions of the PCH50/25 frequency converter and the FU3 phase-adjustment device on a microcontroller-based platform.

Figure 2 presents a microcontroller-based unit designed for railway track circuit power supply systems using a self-checking dual-channel (redundant) architecture. This architecture integrates the PCH50/25 frequency conversion function and the FU3 phase-sensitive control algorithm within a single system, aiming to ensure a high level of functional safety and reliability.

Each of the A and B channels incorporates an internal self-monitoring scheme. These schemes continuously supervise the operational state of the microcontroller, computational processes, memory and input/output interfaces, as well as the correct execution of the FU3 phase-control algorithm.

The internal monitoring mechanisms are implemented at both the hardware level (supply voltage, output signal parameters, relay status) and the software level (watchdog timers, logical verification routines, and timing constraints). If a fault or deviation from permissible limits is detected in one of the channels, that channel is automatically blocked, and the system prepares to transition to a safe state.

The output signals and monitoring data generated by both channels are transmitted to an inter-channel supervision and comparison unit. The primary function of this block is to determine the consistency between the signals produced by channels A and B, detect discrepancies or fault indications, and activate the appropriate protective measures.

Based on the results of the inter-channel comparison, the system identifies which channel remains reliable or, if necessary, completely blocks the output to ensure a safe operating condition.

At the system output stage, a safety comparison and output conditioning unit is implemented. This block transmits control signals to the output relays (PF/OF) and the load only when the signals received from channels A and B are fully consistent. If a fault is detected in at least one channel or an inter-channel discrepancy occurs, the output is automatically switched to a protected (fail-safe) state, preventing the transmission of a hazardous signal to the track circuit.

The proposed self-checking dual-channel architecture has been developed in accordance with the high reliability, continuous operation, and stringent safety requirements characteristic of railway signaling systems. The presence of internal and inter-channel monitoring mechanisms, together with a safe output stage, significantly enhances the operational stability of the system.

As a result, the dual-channel system integrating the functions of the PCH50/25 and FU3 devices on a microcontroller-based platform can be regarded as a modern, reliable, and technically promising solution for the power supply and control of track circuits.

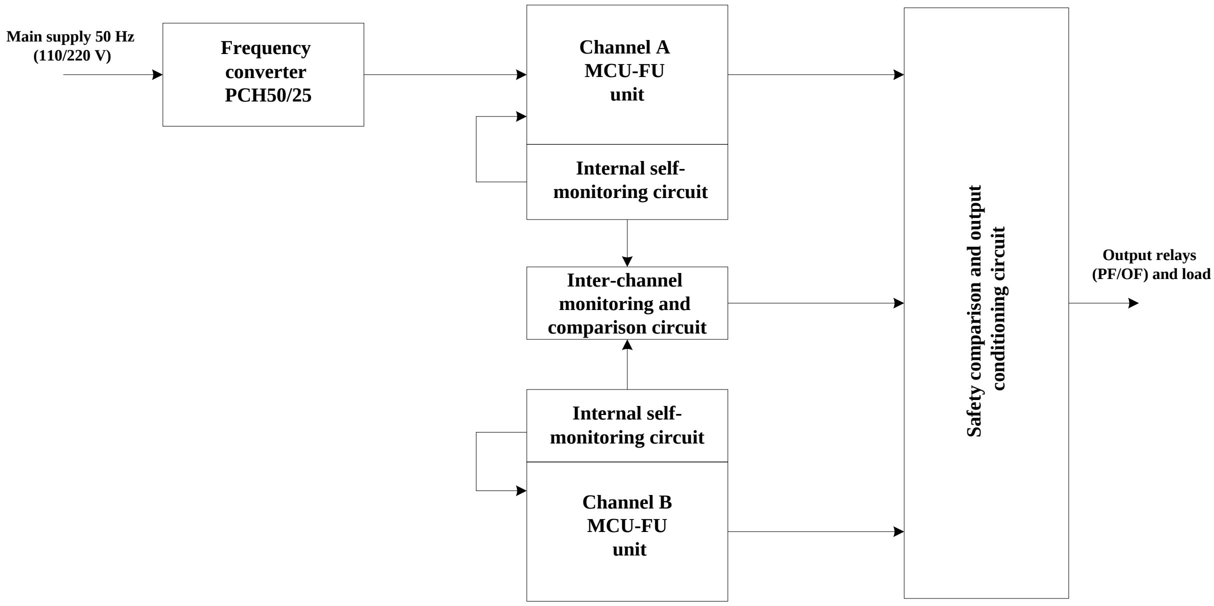

Fig. 2. General structure of a microcontroller-based self-checking dual-channel track circuit power supply and phase control system

3. Results and discussion

The effectiveness of the proposed microcontroller-based self-checking dual-channel track circuit power supply and phase-control solution was evaluated through both quantitative and qualitative comparison with a conventional single-channel system. The evaluation considered system reliability, probability of continuous operation, and the likelihood of failure as the primary criteria. The analysis was based on the structural approach and active diagnostic algorithms described in the methodology section.

A single-channel track circuit power supply system can be considered as a set of functionally connected blocks arranged in series. For such a system, the overall reliability function is determined by the product of the reliabilities of the individual blocks:

$$R_{SC}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} R_i(t) \quad (1)$$

Where: $R_{SC}(t)$— single-channel system reliability, $R_i(t)$ — reliability of the i-th functional block, N — number of functional blocks.

Assuming a constant failure rate for electronic power supply and phase-adjustment devices, the reliability of each block can be described by an exponential law:

$$R_i(t) = e^{-\lambda_i t} \quad (2)$$

As a result, for a single-channel system:

$$R_{SC}(t) = e^{-(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i)t} \quad (3)$$

This expression shows that the failure of a single functional block leads to the failure of the entire system. This mathematically confirms the principal drawback of single-channel architectures — the presence of a single point of failure.

In the proposed dual-channel solution, the power supply and phase-control functions are implemented in parallel through two independent channels. Such a system can be considered a parallel redundant structure, and its reliability is determined as follows:

$$R_{DC}(t) = 1 - [1 - R_A(t)][1 - R_B(t)] \quad (4)$$

If both channels have identical parameters:

$R_A(t) = R_B(t) = R_c(t)$ (6)

then:

$$R_{DC}(t) = 1 - [1 - R_c(t)]^2 \quad (7)$$

when the reliability of each channel is expressed by an exponential law:

$$R_C(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \quad (8)$$

reliability of the self-checking dual-channel system:

$$R_{DC}(t) = 1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^2 \quad (9)$$

takes the following form. For any t>0:

$$R_{DC}(t) > R_{SC}(t) \quad (10)$$

the inequality holds, which means that the superiority of the dual-channel system has a rigorous mathematical basis.

To obtain a quantitative estimate of the reliability advantage, the failure rate $\lambda = 1 \times 10^{-5} hour^{-1}$ and the operating time $t = 10000\, hours$ were assumed.

for a single-channel system:

$$R_{DC}(10000) = 1 - (1 - 0.905)^2 = 0.991 \quad (11)$$

that is, the probability of continuous operation reaches 99.1%.

The proposed solution also incorporates an active diagnostic mechanism, characterized by a fault detection probability ofP_d. When diagnostics are taken into account, the effective reliability is determined as follows:

$$R_{DC}^{*}(t) = 1 - (1 - R_C(t))^2(1 - P_d) \quad (12)$$

If it is assumed that $P_d = 0.9$:

$$R_{DC}^{*}(10000) = 1 - 0.009 \cdot 0.1 = 0.9991 \quad (13)$$

This result indicates that the probability of failure occurrence is reduced by more than two orders of magnitude compared with a single-channel system.

Table 1

Reliability comparison of single-channel and dual-channel architectures

Parameter	Single-Channel	Dual-Channel	Dual-Channel with Diagnostics
Failure rate, λ (h^{-1})	1×10^{-5}	1×10^{-5}	1×10^{-5}
Operation time, t (h)	10 000	10 000	10 000
Reliability, R(t)	0.905	0.991	0.9991
Failure probability, 1−R(t)	0.095	0.009	0.0009
Relative improvement	–	≈10×	≈100×

The quantitative evaluations presented in Table 1 demonstrate that, under identical failure rates and operating conditions, the use of a dual-channel architecture significantly reduces the probability of interruptions in the track circuit power supply and phase-control system. In particular, the implementation of hardware-level parallel redundancy eliminates the single point of failure inherent in single-channel systems and reduces the probability of failure by approximately an order of magnitude. This substantially increases the system's continuity of operation and ensures stable performance of the track circuit.

Moreover, the application of microcontroller-based active diagnostic algorithms further elevates system reliability. Early detection of faults and the automatic isolation of the faulty channel reduce the probability of interruption by an additional order of magnitude. As a result, the overall effective reliability increases by up to two orders, fully meeting the stringent safety and continuous operation requirements imposed on railway signaling systems.

At the same time, such an approach not only ensures a high level of technical reliability but also improves the efficiency of diagnostics, maintenance, and fault detection during operation. This provides both scientific and practical justification for the implementation of redundant, diagnostic-enabled architectural solutions in the modernization of track circuit systems.

4. Conclusion

This study analyzed the technical diversity and operational challenges of track circuits currently used at railway stations of Uzbekistan Railways and proposed a microcontroller-based, self-checking dual-channel power supply and phase-control solution aimed at their modernization. The quantitative and qualitative analyses demonstrated that conventional single-channel track circuit power supply systems contain a single point of failure and, from the standpoint of continuous operation requirements, cannot fully meet the needs of modern railway signaling.

The proposed self-checking dual-channel architecture, combining parallel redundancy with microcontroller-based active diagnostic mechanisms, significantly improves system reliability. Numerical evaluations show that, under identical failure rates and operating conditions, the probability of interruption decreases by one order of magnitude, and by up to two orders when diagnostics are applied, which is mathematically substantiated. These results confirm the high effectiveness of the proposed approach in ensuring continuous operation of track circuits and enhancing traffic safety.

In addition, integrating power supply and phase-control functions within a single microcontroller-based unit reduces the fragmented nature of track circuit systems, simplifies diagnostics and maintenance procedures, and creates the conditions for gradual standardization. As a result, the proposed solution can be considered a technically and economically viable option for modernizing existing railway infrastructure without fundamental structural changes.

Overall, the findings of this work substantiate the prospects of applying microcontroller-based dual-channel power supply and phase-control devices in railway track circuit systems and provide a scientific and practical foundation for the development of highly reliable, flexible, and standardized signaling solutions in the future.

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Analysis of the freight transportation technology efficiency on the "Bukhara – Miskin" and "Angren – Pap" railway lines

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Abstract: This article presents a comparative analysis of the operational efficiency of freight transportation technologies on the "Bukhara – Miskin" and "Angren – Pop" railway lines. The study analyzes the infrastructure conditions, freight traffic volume, train speed, transit time, and logistics infrastructure development level of the railway lines. The operational efficiency of freight transportation was evaluated based on relative efficiency indicators considering freight volume, transit time, and route length. The results show that operational efficiency on the "Angren – Pop" railway line is mainly influenced by geographical and engineering factors, while on the "Bukhara – Miskin" line efficiency depends on logistics infrastructure development and freight flow volume. Based on the research results, scientific recommendations for improving freight transportation efficiency were developed.
Keywords: railway transport, freight transportation, operational efficiency, logistics system, railway infrastructure, transit process

1. Introduction

The efficient functioning of transport and logistics systems is one of the key factors in the sustainable development of modern economies. Railway transport plays a particularly important role as a strategic mode of transport capable of carrying large volumes of freight over long distances at relatively low cost. Therefore, improving the efficiency of freight transportation technologies on railway lines is one of the priority areas for the development of the transport system.

In recent years, large-scale measures have been implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan to modernize railway infrastructure, construct new railway lines, and increase the capacity of existing lines. Among these projects, the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway lines are of particular importance. Since these lines are located in different natural and geographical conditions, their operating conditions and freight transportation processes differ significantly.

The Angren–Pop railway line passes through mountainous terrain and includes complex engineering structures, tunnels, and steep gradients. In contrast, the Bukhara–Miskin railway line runs mainly through flat and desert areas and has significant potential for attracting large freight flows through the development of logistics infrastructure.

Many studies have shown that transport system efficiency depends on transport costs, transportation speed, and infrastructure capacity utilization. The geographical location of transport systems, logistics centers, and transport route configuration also significantly affect transportation efficiency.

The main objective of this study is to evaluate and compare the operational efficiency of freight transportation technologies on the Bukhara–Miskin and Angren–Pop railway lines and to develop scientifically grounded conclusions for improving efficiency.

Literature Review and Methodology

Issues related to improving freight transportation efficiency, developing transport and logistics systems, and efficient use of railway infrastructure have been studied by many foreign, CIS, and Uzbek researchers.

Among foreign researchers, M. Christopher (2016) demonstrated that the efficiency of transport and logistics systems is directly related to the optimization of freight flows and the development of logistics infrastructure. K. Button (2010) showed that transport system efficiency is determined by transport costs, transportation speed, and infrastructure capacity utilization. J.P. Rodrigue (2020) established that transport system efficiency is influenced by geographical conditions, route configuration, and the location of logistics centers. I.A. Hansen and J. Pachl (2014) showed that railway transport efficiency can be improved through traffic management systems, infrastructure capacity optimization, and timetable optimization.

Researchers from CIS countries such as Y.S. Prokofev and D.Yu. Levin studied railway freight transportation processes and transport system development, concluding that railway efficiency depends on train speed, freight volume, infrastructure development, and traffic management systems.

Uzbek researchers including S. Djumabayev, E. Tuychiyev, M. Miraxmedov, M. Rasulov, N. Ibragimov, R. Abdullayev, G. Samatov, S. Djabbarov, R. Rahimov, and others have conducted research on transport logistics systems, railway infrastructure, and freight transportation processes. Their studies showed that railway transport efficiency can be improved through logistics center development, intermodal transportation, infrastructure modernization, and freight flow optimization.

The literature review shows that although many studies have examined transport logistics development and freight transportation optimization, insufficient attention has been

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paid to the comparative analysis of freight transportation efficiency on railway lines located in different natural and geographical conditions. This constitutes the scientific novelty of the present research.

2. Research methodology

In this study, the railway transport system was considered as a complex logistics system, and factors affecting freight transportation efficiency were evaluated comprehensively. The following research methods were used:

- system analysis
- comparative analysis
- statistical generalization
- expert evaluation

Comparative analysis was used to compare the main technical and operational indicators of the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway lines. Statistical analysis was used to summarize freight volume, average train speed, and transit time. A system approach was applied to analyze the interaction between infrastructure, operational processes, and logistics systems.

Operational Efficiency Formula. To evaluate freight transportation efficiency, the following indicators were selected:

average train speed,
freight volume,
transit time,
infrastructure conditions,
logistics infrastructure development level,
natural and geographical factors.

Operational efficiency of freight transportation was calculated using the following indicator:

$$E = \frac{Q}{T \times L} \quad (1)$$

Where:
E – operational efficiency of freight transportation;
Q – freight volume (million tons);
T – transit time (hours);
L – route length (km).

This indicator allows comparison of route efficiency based on the relationship between freight volume, time, and distance.

For the Angren–Pop line:
Q = 7 million tons
T = 4 hours
L = 123 km
$E_1 = 7 / (4 \times 123) = 0.0142$
For the Bukhara–Miskin line:
Q = 5.5 million tons
T = 6 hours
L = 355 km
$E_2 = 5.5 / (6 \times 355) = 0.0026$

The average values adopted for the calculations were specified based on the parameter ranges presented in Table 2.

In the course of the study, particular attention should be paid to the operational efficiency of railway lines operating under different natural and geographical conditions, the relative operational efficiency indicator, as well as the impact of logistics and geographical factors.

Table 1

Comparative operational efficiency indicators of the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway routes

Railway line	Q, million tons	T, hours	L, km	E
Angren-Pop	7	4	123	0,0142
Bukhara–Miskin	5,5	6	355	0,0026

Table 2

Main technical and operational indicators of the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway lines

Indicators	Angren - Pop	Bukhara–Miskin
Route length, km	123	355
Annual freight volume, million tons	5-10	3-8
Average speed, km/ hours	40-60	50-70
Transit time, hours	3-5	5-7
Terrain type	Mountainous	Flat, desert
Main constraints	Gradients, tunnels, weather conditions	Sand movement, underdeveloped logistics infrastructure
Infrastructure utilization	High	Medium
Logistics development level	Medium	Low
Efficiency limiting factor	Geographical factors	Logistics and economic factors

The data presented in the table and the calculation results indicate that the operational efficiency indicator is somewhat higher for the Angren–Pop railway line. The average train speed for the railway routes is presented in Figure 1. As can be seen from the graph, the train speed is higher on the Bukhara–Miskin railway line.

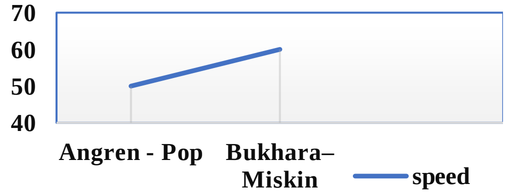

Fig. 1. Average train speed on the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway lines

A comparison of freight transportation volumes is presented in Figure 2. As shown in the figure, the freight volume on the Angren–Pop railway line is higher than on the Bukhara–Miskin railway line.

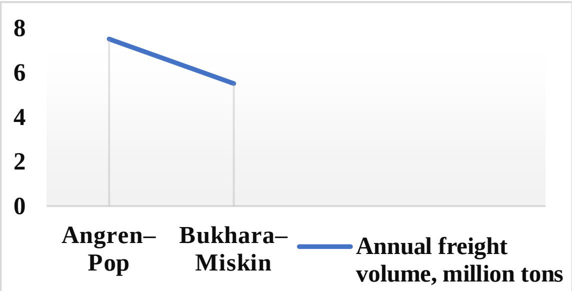

Fig. 2. Annual freight volume on the Angren–Pop and Bukhara–Miskin railway lines

3. Results and discussion

The analysis showed that the Angren–Pop railway line has a length of 123 km and passes through mountainous terrain. The annual freight volume on this line is approximately 5–10 million tons. The average train speed is 40–60 km/h, and the transit time is 3–5 hours. The relatively low speed is explained by mountainous terrain, steep gradients, numerous curves, and tunnel sections.

The Bukhara–Miskin railway line has a length of 355 km and passes mainly through flat and desert areas. The annual freight volume is approximately 3–8 million tons. The average train speed is 50–70 km/h, and the transit time is 5–7 hours. Train movement stability on this line is relatively high.

Comparative analysis shows that freight transportation efficiency on the Angren–Pop railway line is mainly influenced by natural and geographical conditions and complex engineering structures. On the Bukhara–Miskin line, efficiency depends primarily on logistics infrastructure development and freight flow volume.

The calculated operational efficiency values were:

Angren–Pop: 0.0142

Bukhara–Miskin: 0.002

This indicates that operational efficiency is higher on the Angren–Pop railway line, mainly due to shorter route length and relatively higher freight volume.

The results show that freight transportation efficiency in railway transport is formed by the interaction of infrastructure conditions, logistics systems, and natural and geographical factors. On railway lines passing through mountainous areas, operational efficiency is mainly determined by geographical conditions. On railway lines passing through flat terrain, logistics infrastructure development and freight flow volume play a more significant role.

On the Angren–Pop railway line, tunnels, steep gradients, and complex terrain limit train speed and increase operating costs. Therefore, efficiency improvement on this line can be achieved through technological modernization, implementation of automated control systems, and the use of more powerful locomotives.

4. Conclusion

Based on the results of the conducted research, several conclusions can be formulated.

The operational efficiency of freight transportation on the Angren–Pop railway line is primarily constrained by natural and geographical conditions.

In contrast, the efficiency of freight transportation on the Bukhara–Miskin railway line is largely determined by the level of logistics system development and the volume of freight flows.

Improving freight transportation efficiency on both railway lines requires the application of different approaches and management strategies.

For railway lines passing through mountainous terrain, technological modernization and infrastructure improvement are of key importance, whereas for railway lines located in flat terrain, the development of logistics infrastructure and the increase of freight flows are of higher priority.

The practical significance of this research lies in the possibility of using the obtained results for optimizing freight transportation processes, developing logistics infrastructure, and supporting decision-making aimed at improving the operational efficiency of railway transport systems.

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Smart maintenance scheduling via predictive logistics for post-flight engine maintenance in Central Asia

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Abstract: This paper presents a data-driven approach to post-flight aircraft engine maintenance based on Smart Maintenance Scheduling via Predictive Logistics (SMS-PL). Unlike conventional time- or cycle-based programs, SMS-PL integrates environmental exposure, operational stress indicators, and digital logistics planning to dynamically prioritize inspections and material preparation. The study focuses on Central Asian operations characterized by large temperature excursions, frequent dust exposure, and dispersed maintenance infrastructure. The proposed framework combines environmental monitoring, flight-path analytics, and maintenance history to form a per-flight Maintenance Severity Index (MSI) that supports proactive decisions. Conceptual analysis indicates that predictive logistics can reduce turnaround delays, improve spare-part positioning, and raise effective fleet readiness under regional constraints. The approach aligns maintenance activity with measured operating context, supporting reliability, efficiency, and sustainability goals in arid environments.

Keywords: predictive maintenance, logistics scheduling, Central Asia, post-flight maintenance, aircraft engine, maintenance severity index, environmental impact, data-driven maintenance

1. Introduction

Post-flight maintenance is central to flight safety and operational economics. In Central Asia, aircraft frequently operate in conditions that differ materially from temperate regions: high summer ground temperatures (often +40 to +45 °C), seasonal dust and sand exposure originating from Kyzylkum and Karakum deserts, low ambient humidity, and a geographically dispersed network of airports with uneven maintenance capacity. Conventional schedules based on elapsed time or accumulated cycles ensure regulatory compliance, yet they are not designed to reflect route-specific thermal and particulate loading, altitude effects, or repeated operations from hot and high airfields.

A systems-engineering view suggests complementing fixed intervals with adaptive planning informed by operating context. Engines that repeatedly depart in hot, dusty conditions are likely to experience different fouling and wear trajectories than those serving cooler, cleaner routes of similar duration. Treating both equally in scheduling and logistics can lead to premature attention for relatively healthy units and delayed intervention where stress accumulates faster. In this setting, Smart Maintenance Scheduling via Predictive Logistics (SMS-PL) is considered as an overlay to existing programs, using operational indicators and environmental traces to refine inspection timing and resource placement while maintaining compliance with OEM and authority requirements (e.g., RCM/PHM-aligned practices) [1; 2].

2. Research methodology

Scientific and systems-engineering foundations of SMS-PL

Smart Maintenance Scheduling via Predictive Logistics (SMS-PL) is founded on the principle that post-flight maintenance should evolve from static scheduling to an adaptive, data-informed optimization problem. The system integrates concepts from reliability engineering, prognostics and health management (PHM), and logistics forecasting, treating each flight not as an isolated event but as a measurable increment in the component degradation timeline.

Each flight generates a distinct operational signature defined by its thermal, mechanical, and environmental exposure. Parameters such as exhaust gas temperature (EGT) margin variation, engine vibration amplitude, oil-condition index, ambient air temperature, and aerosol optical depth (AOD) collectively characterize the stress intensity of that flight. Over time, these data form a cumulative stress trajectory for each aircraft tail number. By aggregating such indicators, the system derives a Maintenance Severity Index (MSI) that represents the normalized effect of operational and environmental load on component health.

In a simplified analytical form, the MSI can be conceptualized as a function:

$$MSI_i = f(T_i, V_i, O_i, E_i, D_i) \quad (1)$$

where T_i denotes thermal exposure, V_i vibration signature, O_i oil-condition score, E_i environmental severity (e.g., dust concentration, humidity), and D_i duration or cycle load of the i-th flight. Although not computed through a deterministic equation in the current stage, this relationship defines the data structure from which statistical and learning models can infer degradation trends.

By translating environmental and operational parameters into quantifiable stress values, SMS-PL enables a relative comparison among aircraft within the same fleet. This approach aligns with the prognostics concept of remaining useful life (RUL) estimation, where degradation is modeled as a stochastic process driven by observed stressors rather than elapsed time. As the dataset expands, regression or

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machine-learning techniques can refine the mapping between MSI evolution and maintenance outcomes, improving prediction accuracy with each operational cycle.[3]

Parallel to the analytical layer, predictive logistics transforms maintenance preparation into a forward-looking optimization task. Traditional logistics respond to maintenance findings with reactive shipments and technician dispatches; SMS-PL predicts where and when these requirements will occur based on MSI trajectories and route plans. This coupling between degradation modeling and logistics forecasting forms a closed loop that connects physical aircraft condition with material and human resources.

The relevance of this framework becomes evident in the Central Asian context, where aircraft routinely operate in highly variable climates and across long geographical distances between maintenance hubs. Variations in environmental stress — such as elevated dust concentrations during summer operations in Navoi or high thermal loads at Ashgabat — influence not only the rate of engine wear but also the spatial distribution of maintenance demand. Predictive logistics mitigates such variability by pre-positioning critical components and qualified personnel at locations where maintenance probability is rising, thereby reducing unscheduled downtime and optimizing transport cost.[4]

SMS-PL thus constitutes a hybrid engineering model — combining empirical observation, environmental analytics, and logistic planning — that augments existing OEM-based maintenance frameworks. It preserves regulatory compliance while embedding adaptability through data feedback. This synthesis of reliability theory and predictive resource allocation represents a foundational step toward regionally contextualized, performance-based maintenance systems in modern aviation.

Methodology and implementation of smart maintenance scheduling via predictive logistics

The SMS-PL workflow integrates three streams: (i) operational and condition data captured post-flight (e.g., EGT trends, thrust settings, accelerometer-based vibration tendencies, oil status where available), (ii) environmental context from meteorological and satellite sources (e.g., local METAR, reanalysis temperature fields, aerosol/dust indices), and (iii) maintenance history. After landing, the aircraft data package is ingested into a maintenance data hub and contextualized with the environmental feed matched to the actual flight path and time

Fig.1. Workflow of the smart maintenance scheduling

• The conceptual workflow of the proposed Smart maintenance scheduling model is illustrated in Fig. 1. It shows the transition from raw flight and environmental data to maintenance prioritization and predictive logistics planning.

A predictive analytics service evaluates each flight record against the aircraft's history and fleet comparators to update a cumulative MSI. Rather than a fixed formula, MSI is treated as a structured data object that reflects relative stress accumulation for that tail under observed conditions. Planning thresholds are set within the airline's approved program and are reviewed periodically; when an MSI trajectory indicates elevated priority, the system proposes an earlier post-flight inspection window or targeted tasks (e.g., borescope on specific modules, oil sampling), still within compliant limits.

The logistics module consumes those proposals together with the forward schedule to forecast parts and skills demand by station. Inventory movements (e.g., filters, seals, borescope kits, balance weights) and short-term technician assignments are generated to place resources at likely event locations (for example, Navoi or Turkmenabat) ahead of aircraft arrival. A planner dashboard provides transparency: aircraft are ranked by MSI trend and proximity to suggested actions; the traceability of decisions is preserved for internal quality review and regulatory oversight. After any maintenance, actual findings (wear evidence, contamination levels, post-action vibration changes) are fed back to improve future recommendations.[5]

Observations and practical assessment

A review of publicly available materials, technical publications, and informal observations of regional workflows suggests that Central Asian operators predominantly apply time- and cycle-based scheduling. This ensures safety and consistency but may not differentiate sufficiently between aircraft exposed to frequent hot-and-dusty departures and those serving cooler routes. Discussions with practitioners and document reviews indicate that inspection timing, spare-parts provisioning, and technician allocation are often organized by calendar and fleet-level averages rather than measured operating context.

Within that reality, SMS-PL appears suitable as a practical enhancement. Using per-flight operational and environmental traces to inform inspection priority can help identify aircraft that warrant earlier attention, while others remain on standard intervals. Coupling prioritization with predictive logistics offers a path to reduce reactive shipments and to align material and staff with anticipated needs at secondary stations. These observations are not the outcome of controlled field trials; they reflect a reasoned assessment that an evidence-supported overlay could improve planning precision under regional conditions without altering regulatory obligations.

3. Results and discussion

The Introducing SMS-PL would shift portions of maintenance planning from strictly procedural scheduling toward analytical decision-making supported by recorded operational context. Even modest data integration—such as tracking repeated dust exposure or frequent high-temperature departures—could refine the order in which aircraft are inspected and the stations at which materials and skills are staged. The concept fits within current reliability-centered and performance-based maintenance trends, provided decisions remain auditable and inside approved limits. Adoption would depend on collaboration among airlines, MROs, and authorities, beginning with pilot deployments that evaluate outcomes under actual Central Asian operating conditions.

4. Conclusion

The study evaluated Smart Maintenance Scheduling via Predictive Logistics as a complementary framework for post-flight engine maintenance in Central Asia. Treating each flight as a source of operational and environmental evidence enables a cumulative profile of stress that can inform inspection priority and material positioning. The approach maintains compliance while adding a data-driven perspective to reduce avoidable delays and improve resource usage across dispersed stations. Further work should focus on structured data collection, targeted pilots with local operators, and measurement of impacts on turnaround time, parts logistics, and dispatch reliability.

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