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MEASURING ROAD NETWORK RESILIENCE THROUGH LOSS OF SERVICEABILITY INDEX FOR CRITICAL ROAD LINKS

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Abstract

In a complex network such as a road infrastructure system, disruptive events have direct consequences (loss of lives, structural damage, economy losses etc.) related to the sub-system level directly affected, as well as indirect consequences on the overall system level such as loss of functionality and related monetary consequences. To quantify the influence of component failures on the network performance, complex network analysis allows representing the relation among its components and the consequences in order to estimate the functionality of the system. The serviceability of a road network is the possibility to use it during a given time period as representing the performance of the system. Thus, the time to restored serviceability after a disruptive event is measuring road transportation resilience. In this paper, network analysis with the help of OSMnx Python package, supplied by road network data from OpenStreetMap, is applied to a Spanish motorway case study. Loss of serviceability index is obtained combining the results of road links failure scenarios based on shortest paths and travel times in order to estimate road network resilience. The proposed methodology allows a suitable evaluation of the influence of road links in the risk assessment and management strategies by road infrastructure owners and managers.

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List of notations

- A is the adjacency matrix
- i, j is the origin and destination points
- A_{ij} is the element of adjacency matrix
- r is the arbitrary length of a path of the network [m]
- $N_{ij}^{(r)}$ is the total number of path of length r between j and i [-]
- s is the set of nodes
- n is the number of nodes in the set/graph [-]
- t is the travel time of the shortest path [s]
- α_s is the reference value for the non-degraded configuration of the road network [s]
- $\beta_{k,s}$ is the reference value for the degraded configuration of the road network with removed edge k [s]
- $n_{ip,k}$ is the number of paths crossed by the removed edge k [-]
- $LoS_{k,s}$ is the Loss of Serviceability Index [s]

1 **Introduction**

2 Transportation infrastructure has an important role for regional and global communities.
3 Climate change related-events, combined with hazard events such as earthquakes or
4 flooding, increasingly expose road infrastructure to ever-increasing actions that leads
5 the failure possibilities. For this reason, the recent challenge for transportation
6 networks, including Road Infrastructures (RIs) is to improve their resilience by
7 maintaining a given level of functionality during the hazard event, and by permitting
8 them to quickly recover after (Vugrin, Warren and Ehlen, 2010; Shakou *et al.*, 2019).
9 To this end, it is useful to have an efficient assessment method to identify the
10 vulnerabilities of RI components and their impact on the RI functionality in order to
11 maintain and to protect RI against hazard events and to perform risk assessment.
12 Considering the multiple definitions of resilience (Faber, 2018) to adopt for transport
13 infrastructures, road network resilience is referred to as the assessment of its
14 performance and closely related to the concept of vulnerability and accessibility of
15 components (Wang *et al.*, 2015). Many studies on transportation networks are based
16 on modelling the infrastructure network according to graph theory and complex system
17 methods, which makes it possible to perform network analysis in order to estimate
18 performance measures and indexes (Knoop *et al.*, 2012; de Oliveira, Portugal and
19 Porto Junior, 2016; Bell *et al.*, 2017, Kurant and Thiran, 2006, Soh *et al.*, 2010).
20 The work presented in this paper aims to identify critical links within a road
21 infrastructure by proposing an index to assess the loss of accessibility of the link based
22 on shortest path and travel time measurements. To this aim, a network analysis is
23 carried out on the graph structure model of the road network case study by applying an
24 iterative algorithm to consider degraded network scenarios that correspond to the
25 removal of road links. The proposed index and network analysis method can give RI
26 operators and decision-makers an accurate indication of the most vulnerable sections
27 of the road networks using only topological data.

28 The paper methodology is developed as follows. In the next Section, a definition of
29 resilience for critical infrastructure and road infrastructure is given, and main measures
30 of network performance are briefly introduced. In Section 3, the loss of serviceability
31 index is presented in relation to the concept of road serviceability and network
32 measures used for the calculation of the proposed index. Section 4 is dedicated to the
33 description of the selected case study and to the presentation and discussion of
34 network analysis results. In the last Section, final conclusions are reported with regard
35 to the most important outcomes of this work.

36 **2. Road Network Resilience**

37 RIs are included in the definition of Critical Infrastructures (CIs) according to the
38 European Union (Mansfield, 2018) since they are essential for the growth of a society,
39 to the daily mobility of citizens, goods, and to the maintenance of economical and
40 societal functions of human community. The disruption or destruction of CIs may have
41 significant impact in a European Union member state because of the failure to maintain
42 those functions. A resilient infrastructure is capable of dealing with scenarios linked to
43 disastrous events with the aim of minimizing service interruptions and quickly
44 recovering (RESILIENS consortium, 2016) resorting to 4 Rs (Robustness,
45 Redundancy, Resourcefulness and Rapidity) properties (Bruneau *et al.*, 2003). The
46 concept of resilience for road network can be related to level of functionality exposed to
47 hazard or disruptive events that can be assessed for estimating for estimating the
48 actual resilience status (or performance) of the RI network.

49 There are two main types of methods for assessing the resilience of an infrastructure
50 system, namely qualitative and quantitative methods. The former models provide an
51 evaluation through performance criteria or level of service requirements for the different
52 Technical, Organizational, Social and Economic (TOSE) dimensions (Bruneau *et al.*,
53 2003; Brabhakaran, 2006). The latter models propose a measure of resilience with
54 respect to failure due to specific events or to time-recovery considering a required level

55 of service. A performance index is evaluated regarding a specific component of the
56 network system for a specific hazard event (Nogal *et al.*, 2017).

57 Accordingly, measures from graph theory concepts applied to transportation networks
58 can be used to measure network performance based on topological features and
59 structure of transportation network. Topological measures related to graph node's
60 properties include, for example, degree and closeness centrality, betweenness
61 centrality (Golbeck, 2013). They can be combined with measures taking into account
62 distances and paths in the network such as the efficiency and straightness centrality to
63 assess the network performance as its robustness (Erath, Löchl and Axhausen, 2009).
64 Berdica and Mattsson, (2007) use measures of road/connection characteristics are
65 used to evaluate the performance and therefore the vulnerability of a road network. In
66 this paper, the effects of reduced capacity (physical failure, traffic accidents or
67 maintenance work) of critical road links are studied for several scenarios, assessing the
68 travel time, trip length and travel speed. Then, an index is proposed to assess road
69 network resilience through distance and travel time measures.

70 **3. Loss of Serviceability (LoS) Index**

71 In the field of transportation networks, the classical graph theory integrated with
72 complex network methods allows the analyses of structures and dynamics of such
73 systems of infrastructure (Albert and Barabási, 2002; Boccaletti *et al.*, 2006). Network
74 analysis requires modelling of the transportation network as a graph structure (i.e.,
75 nodes or vertices linked by edges that can be directional as in the present study). A
76 network graph can be described through measures such as network size (number of
77 nodes and edges), network length and diameter, network continuity in terms of
78 connected components, connectivity in order to evaluate the transportation network
79 topology and performance (Xie and Levinson, 2007; Appert and Laurent, 2013; Ducruet
80 and Lugo, 2013). These measures can be associated with the concept of road
81 vulnerability for the protection against the risks and natural hazard. In this Section, a

82 definition of road serviceability is given related to the road vulnerability; then the
83 method and network measure, LoS index is selected for the network analysis is
84 presented.

85 **3.1 Concept of road serviceability**

86 A reduction of capacity/operation for a road transport system can occur for various
87 reasons, such as physical (partial) failure or deterioration of structures or the reduction
88 of some lanes due to maintenance activities. According to that, road vulnerability can
89 be defined as the “*susceptibility to incidents that can result in considerable reductions*
90 *in road network serviceability.*” (Berdica, 2002). This definition combines the concept of
91 road vulnerability with that of accessibility. Indeed, serviceability of a road, intended as
92 the possibility to use it during a given time period, is affected by the potential failure of
93 a road/edge, also influencing road network performance (Adey, Hajdin and Brühwiler,
94 2003; Orcesi and Cremona, 2010, 2011). Depending on the degree of reduced
95 serviceability, a road/link failure may cause an increase in travel time due to a
96 reduction in the speed of a particular path or due to the length of the alternative path if
97 the road is completely inaccessible, up to and including disconnection of the road
98 network.

99 Then, the effects of the reduction of serviceability can be assessed according to
100 different aspects such as travel time reliability, capacity reliability, and connectivity
101 reliability (Taylor, Sekhar and D’Este, 2006). With reference to road serviceability and
102 to a road network serving Origin and Destination (O-D) demand, two different types of
103 vulnerability indices are distinguished such as distance-based and the cost-based
104 approaches. The former approaches only take into account the calculation of the length
105 of alternative routes suitable for sparse regional network; the latter approaches assess
106 indices according to travel time and O-D demand (Balijepalli and Oppong, 2014) well
107 adapted for dense urban network or more generally for cases where the road network

108 includes a primary and secondary road (alternative routes shorter or longer in terms of
109 travel time).

110 **3.2 Index through shortest path and travel time measures**

111 According to graph theory applied to transportation networks, a Road Infrastructure (RI)
112 network can be modelled as an approximated planar network defined by a two-
113 dimensional Euclidean space whose edges are real physical connections. More
114 specifically, the edges that are the roads of the real network are defined by
115 characteristics such as direction, length and travel time, then one can define the road
116 network as a weighted directed graph (Boccaletti *et al.*, 2006). For a directed network,
117 considering an edge between the nodes or vertices i and j denoted by (i, j) , the
118 adjacency matrix A is the mathematical representation of the network, with elements
119 A_{ij} such that:

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if there is an edge from } j \text{ to } i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

120 1.

121 The direction of the edge is defined from the second index to the first; for weighted
122 graph the elements A_{ij} have values equal to the weight of the corresponding
123 connections. In the case of road networks, two nodes can be connected by two edges
124 when considering, for example, the two parallel directions of a road infrastructure. In
125 this case, the multi-edge is represented by setting the corresponding matrix element
126 A_{ij} equal to the multiplicity of the edge; for the case study of this paper, it is 2 so we
127 have $A_{ij} = A_{ji} = 2$.

128 Length and travel time as weight of an edge/road can be used as main cost of driving it
129 in order to evaluate measures and indexes to measure network performance.
130 Reflecting the concept of the importance measure (Jenelius, Petersen and Mattsson,
131 2006), which is based on the user equilibrium principle where the route choice is meant
132 to minimize personal travel cost, in this paper one refers to the concept of the shortest

133 path. The related calculated travel time is a criterion for the user when choosing a route
 134 between two points of origin and destination in the road network. In classical graph
 135 theory, a geodesic path or shortest path is the path between two nodes of a graph such
 136 that no shortest path exists (Newman, 2010). In network analysis, a path is the
 137 sequence of vertices such that every consecutive pair of nodes in the sequence is
 138 connected by an edge in the network. The length of the path is the number of edges
 139 crossed along the path, considering Equation 1, we have:

$$A_{ik}A_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if a path of length = 2 from } j \text{ to } i \text{ via } k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

140 2.

141 Then the total number $N_{ij}^{(2)}$ of paths of length equal 2 from j to i via any other node, is:

$$N_{ij}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik}A_{kj} = [A^2]_{ij}$$

142 3.

143 Considering paths of the network of an arbitrary length r , we have:

$$N_{ij}^{(r)} = [A^r]_{ij}$$

144 4.

145 The length of a shortest path or shorter distance, it is the smallest value of r , such
 146 that:

$$[A^r]_{ij} > 0$$

147 5.

148 The calculation of the shortest path is done resorting to proper algorithm such as
 149 Dijkstra's algorithm (Newman, 2010) used in this work. This algorithm also uses the
 150 weights of the edges to find the path that minimizes the total distance or travel time
 151 (weight) between the source node and all other nodes. For a given network graph, it
 152 finds the shortest distance of a given source node to every other node by recording all
 153 the shortest distance calculated to each vertex and at the end keeping the shortest
 154 distance possible by any route. For the index proposed in this paper, the Dijkstra's

155 algorithm is applied to find the shortest path between two given nodes, origin and
156 destination nodes, with; travel time used as weight.

157 Then, the index to measure the performance of the road network in terms of
158 serviceability by considering the travel time reliability is based on the calculation of the
159 shortest path and the related travel time considering a free-flow speed. Two
160 configurations of the road network, i.e. non-degraded and degraded, will be taken into
161 account.

162 For a non-degraded configuration of the road network, i.e. the serviceability of all edges
163 is not changed by any failure, considering a set s of n randomly chosen nodes as
164 nodes or points of origin i and destination j , shortest paths weighted by travel time are
165 evaluated. A reference value α_s is calculated for this scenario as the sum of the travel
166 times $t(i, j)$ of the shortest paths considered, as in Equation 6.

$$\alpha_s = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n t(i, j)$$

167 6.

168 A degraded configuration is when an edge/road of interest labelled k and defined as
169 impactful edge, is eliminated increasing the vulnerability of the road network. For each
170 degraded configuration, the shortest paths and their travel times are recalculated,
171 considering the same origin and destination nodes of the non-degraded configuration.

172 For each of them, $\beta_{k,s}$ is calculated according to Equation 7.

$$\beta_{k,s} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n t(i, j)$$

173 7.

174 Based on these two values, it is possible to calculate an index to assess the Loss of
175 Serviceability (LoS) of the motorway network in terms of increased travel time for each
176 k edge/road related to a set s of nodes as the difference between the reference values

177 calculated. This difference also takes into account the number of paths $n_{ip,k,s}$ affected
178 by the considered k edge, so the index is calculated according to Equation 8:

$$LoS_{k,s} = \frac{\beta_{k,s} - \alpha_s}{n_{ip,k,s}}$$

179 8.

180 The introduced index considers the interaction between the main network, i.e. those
181 consisting of the motorway links, and the secondary network, consisting of the
182 secondary and tertiary roads providing alternative routes in the event of a motorway
183 link failure. In the following performed network analysis, node sets of highway ends
184 points are considered in order to take into account the demand on the main network
185 and to complete with the demand of the secondary network considering node sets of
186 origin and destination points in the whole studied road network.

187 **4. Application of Complex Network Analysis**

188 **4.1 Case-study**

189 *4.1.1 Description of A2 Spanish highway*

190 The Spanish Road network system has its origins in Roman times (second to fourth
191 centuries A.C.) initially consisting of a mesh of the east to west main roads running
192 along the valleys connected to the secondary north to south and diagonal roads. Later,
193 after the Spanish War of Succession (1714), the Bourbons, following the French model,
194 to improve land communications, undertake the construction of a radial network
195 centralised in Madrid in order to establish the political and economic position of Madrid
196 as the capital of the kingdom. Several parallel roads were built: to the Mediterranean
197 (between Barcelona and Alicante), to the Portuguese border (between Benavente and
198 Seville), and another one connecting Burgos and Medina del Campo via Valladolid
199 (López Ortiz, Melgarejo Moreno and Montaña Sanz, 2016). Then, the road network
200 was further integrated with other radial and transversal road networks, so the road plan
201 can be considered completed in the 1860s. Since then, the existing road system has

202 been rehabilitated with new road surfacing materials (1926), and the construction of
203 modern highways structures (Modernisation Plan for the Spanish Road Network,
204 1950), leading to the current Spanish road network system shown in Figure 1. The
205 structure of the Spanish road network as described above is suitable for applying the
206 methodology proposed in this paper, since it is made up of a network with primary and
207 secondary roads. This is essential in order to evaluate alternative routes in case of
208 failure of one or more RIs components, as it is presented in section 3.1.

209 A section of the A2 Spanish Highway is the case-study, on which complex networks
210 analysis is presented as a demo site of PANOPTIS European project (2018), which is
211 provided by project's industry partner Acciona (Sevilla *et al.*, 2021), whose
212 Concessions Division is in charge of the highway operation and maintenance. The
213 analysed section of the network, located in the province of Guadalajara, has a length of
214 77.5 km with 4 lanes (2 per traffic direction) (see Figure 2). This motorway section is
215 one of the main highways linking the two largest cities of the country, Madrid and
216 Barcelona, playing a strategic role in the Spanish road infrastructure network. The
217 climatic conditions of the region crossed by this road section are characterized by long
218 and severe winters, and long, dry and hot summers. Besides, a diverse climatic
219 phenomena such as fog, frequent freezing/thawing cycles, landslides, precipitation
220 intensity, strong wind and storm increasing road structures vulnerability and
221 consequently could affect the road stretch's functionality.

222 4.1.2 *Modeling the road network through OSMnx*

223 To obtain the topology of the selected stretch, data of the network structure are
224 retrieved and processed from OpenStreetMap (OSM) (Barrington-Leigh and Millard-
225 Ball, 2017) through OSMnx, an open-source Python package to perform network
226 analysis (Boeing, 2017). The road network model has been obtained considering the
227 geographical areas crossed by the highway section with a related buffering distance of
228 100 km (Figure 3a); 38399 nodes and 74015 edges constitute the resulting graph

229 structure. In order to optimize the computation time and to consider exclusively the
230 roads of interest for the evaluation of the network functionality, a process of
231 simplification of this network model is necessary. This consists of eliminating all nodes
232 that are not determined by junctions, namely any connection point between different
233 roads and by road ends. Then, depending on the road hierarchy classification
234 (motorway, trunk road, primary, etc.), the edges without a strategic role for the network
235 analysis are removed, i.e., those considered as residential and living roads (Figure 3b)
236 and the related nodes become obsolete. This simplification processes produced in a
237 graph structure of 2428 nodes and 4488 edges (Figure 3c).

238 *4.1.3 Choice of node sets: random and extreme nodes*

239 The model obtained represents the non-degraded configuration of the road network.
240 For the network analysis, 6 sets s of 6 nodes were randomly identified corresponding to
241 the origin (O) and destination (D) points (Figure 3d). In function of this statistical
242 sample, the shortest paths are calculated and the related travel times. The shortest
243 paths for these sets of O-D points include some or almost all of the 237 highway edges
244 pertaining to the highway section under consideration. The highway edges involved in
245 the calculated shortest paths are defined as impactful edges. In addition to random
246 node sets, two reference paths are considered, i.e., those between the start and end
247 points of the section, which are defined as extreme nodes.

248 Table 1 shows the number of edges classified as motorways for each set s of nodes
249 and the related reference value α .

250 **4.2 Failure Scenarios and LoS index**

251 The removal of an impactful edge, representing a service interruption in case of
252 damage, maintenance or incident, generates a failure scenario and consequently a
253 degraded configuration of the road network. This implies that, the considered shortest
254 paths between the origin and destination nodes may no longer be viable in the absence

255 of a connecting link. For this reason, alternative paths are required to restore the link
256 between the nodes. For each selected set, several failure scenarios are considered,
257 corresponding to the removal of each impactful edge, such as the roads classified as
258 MotorWay (MW), at a time. Network analysis is performed by assessing the loss of
259 serviceability at set or local level and at global (network) level, the main results are
260 discussed in the following sub-sections.

261 *4.2.1 LoS index at set level*

262 For the analysed case study, 164 MW edges are involved in the network analysis,
263 contiguous MW edges with the same calculated index are grouped in a MW trunk. 71
264 MW trunks are defined for this highway network. For each degraded configuration of
265 the road network, the LoS index is calculated for each impactful edge at the set level
266 considering the alternative paths. This index allows assessing the influence of that
267 specific road link on the road network performance as a function of the O-D nodes.

268 Figure 4 shows an example of network analysis results at set level. MW trunk 60 for the
269 3 node sets (2,5,6) it is part of shortest paths between O-D nodes of these sets in the
270 non-degraded configuration out of the selected 6 sets. The impact of MW trunk 60 on
271 network performance is greater in set 6, for which the LoS index is 658.3s, compared
272 to a lower value of 244.7s in set 2. Although in both sets, MW trunk 60 affects the same
273 number of shortest paths, i.e. 4, the decrease of serviceability is more critical for set 6.
274 This can be explained by the fact that its location is central to the nodes position of set
275 6, so the removal of this trunk requires alternative paths with higher travel times
276 increasing the value of the serviceability loss by twice compared to set 2's alternative
277 paths. By comparing the different sets' LoS indexes, it is possible to identify whether an
278 impactful edge is a critical link for the network performance in specific O-D nodes
279 paths, as MW trunk 60 is a critical road link for set 6.

280 In Table 2 the most MW Impactful trunk edge for each node set is reported as well as
281 the related LoS value. For sets 1, 2, 3 and 4, there are similar LoS values between 200

282 s and 400 s. For the combination of the O-D nodes of the sets 2, 3 and 4, MW trunk 10
283 is the most critical (Figure 5). Higher values of LoS index are observed in sets 5 and 6,
284 for which the most influential MW trunk edges for the network performance, i.e. MW
285 trunk edge 43, 45 and 47, as shown in Figure 6.

286 4.2.2 *LoS index at global/network level*

287 The results of the above network analysis can be combined to obtain an overall
288 assessment of the road network under consideration. This refers to LoS index at
289 global/network level as it covers all considered cases of total reduced serviceability of a
290 motorway link. A statistical analysis of the LoS index values for the six sets allows
291 evaluating the median values of the indices (Figure 7), as measure of central tendency,
292 the first quartile Q1 (25th percentile), the third quartile Q3 (75th percentile), and the
293 minimum and maximum values of the index. The value of LoS index at global level is
294 the calculated median value. The box-plot graph in Figure 8 shows the distribution of
295 the index according to the calculated values comparing all the MW trunk edges. The
296 width of the box between Q1 and Q3 values is the InterQuartile Range (IQR) as a
297 measure of how spread-out the values of the observed sets are.

298 In consideration of the selected O-D pathways of the performed network analysis, the
299 functionality of the motorway section is mostly impacted by the MW trunk edges 43,45
300 and 47 with a maximum median value of about 600 s. MW trunk edges 54, 58 and 60
301 follow successively with median LoS values from 520 4s to 547.3 s. All other MW
302 trunks resulted in much lower median values, below 360 s, and more widely in MW
303 trunks with LoS values below 200 s. One should observe that IQRs values of these
304 edges are the highest; observing the graph Q1 value deviates from the median value,
305 this could be explained by the presence of efficient alternative paths of one of the
306 observed sets. This shows that the analysis is affected by the choice of node sets.

307 Therefore, the analysis results in the identification of those MW links that should be
308 considered critical to the operation of the motorway section under study, such as MW

309 Trunk Edges 43, 45 and 47. This means that, regarding the critical MW links of the
310 road infrastructure under consideration, maintenance operations must be reinforced
311 against events that may reduce serviceability to zero. In this case, operators can
312 assume proactive measures against this risk as relying on primary and secondary
313 roads that provide alternative routes.

314 **5. Conclusions**

315 Road network resilience is defined as the ability to maintain an adequate level of
316 functionality against disruptive events; therefore, it is related to the measurement of
317 network performance. In a road network, what measures its functionality is the
318 accessibility of the various points of the network by users, assured by the
319 accessibility/use of the road/links of the network, which is defined as road
320 serviceability. RI component failure or deterioration, traffic incidents or maintenance
321 activities can cause a reduction of serviceability increasing travel times. The proposed
322 index assesses the increase in travel time by exploiting knowledge of the road network
323 topology.

324 The loss of serviceability index has been used to measure the vulnerability of individual
325 roads/links in a Spanish highway case study in order to obtain a measure of network
326 resilience. The calculation of the index is based on the evaluation of two main
327 measures in the complex network analysis such as travel times and the shortest paths.
328 The network analysis was possible as the selected highway section is part of a wider
329 road network that includes a system of primary (motorway) and secondary (provincial,
330 tertiary, etc.) roads. In fact, the analysis evaluates the increase in travel time of the
331 shortest path in the case of a degraded situation (total reduction in serviceability) which
332 requires the existence of alternative routes to those of the non-degraded situation
333 (maximum serviceability capacity).

334 Since it is proposed to use information on the road network structure, without therefore
335 using travel demand or capacity data, 6 sets of origin-destination nodes were

336 considered to evaluate the shortest paths and the related LoS indices. The results at
337 the set level allow determining the most critical links with respect to the specific set of
338 O-D nodes. In a general consideration, the results of the analysis showed that the
339 highest values of LoS are found for those edges that have a centrality with respect to
340 O-D nodes. A statistical combination of the results, evaluating the median and quartile
341 values of the LoS indices allows an overall assessment of the vulnerability of the road
342 links and thus of the functionality of the road network. Therefore, the edges with the
343 highest value of loss of serviceability in case of failure scenarios were identified, this
344 shows that the analysis is obviously influenced by the choice of node sets.

345 The network analysis and the index proposed in this paper show an assessment of the
346 road network performance by exploiting easily accessible information, such as the
347 structure of the network using an open source geographical database. In this work, the
348 estimation is based on travel times (based on free-flow speed) related to shortest path
349 as travel time reliability. With additional information on travel demand, it is possible to
350 implement the presented network analysis and to estimate the resilience of the network
351 in terms of capacity. By implementing such information, the methodology could be used
352 to develop network asset management tools. This constitutes one of the research
353 perspectives of the work presented in this paper.

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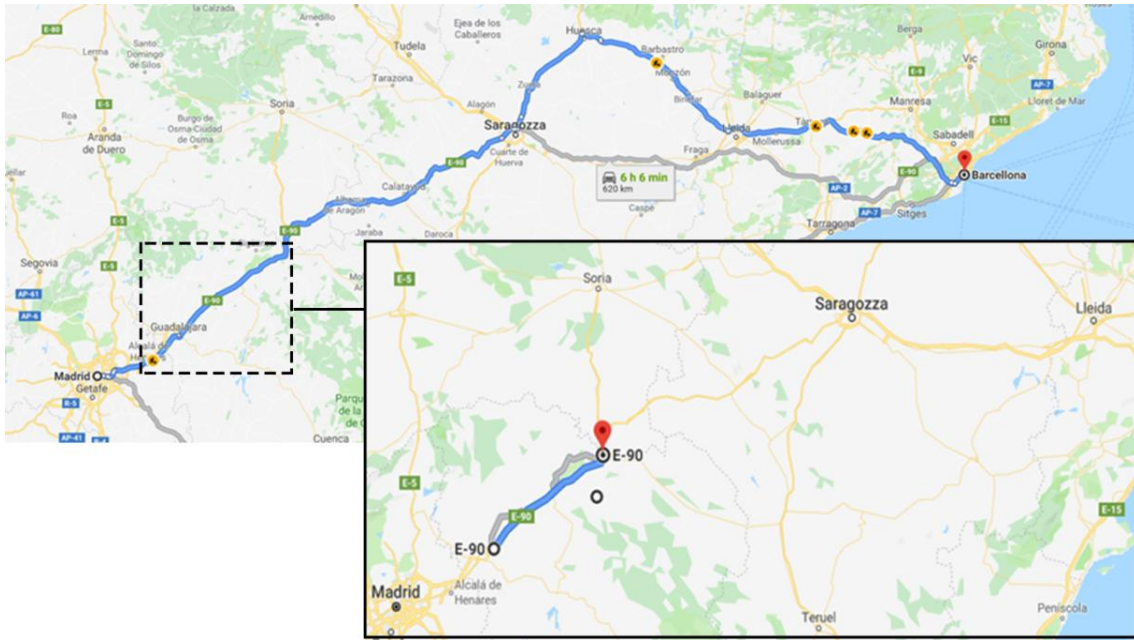
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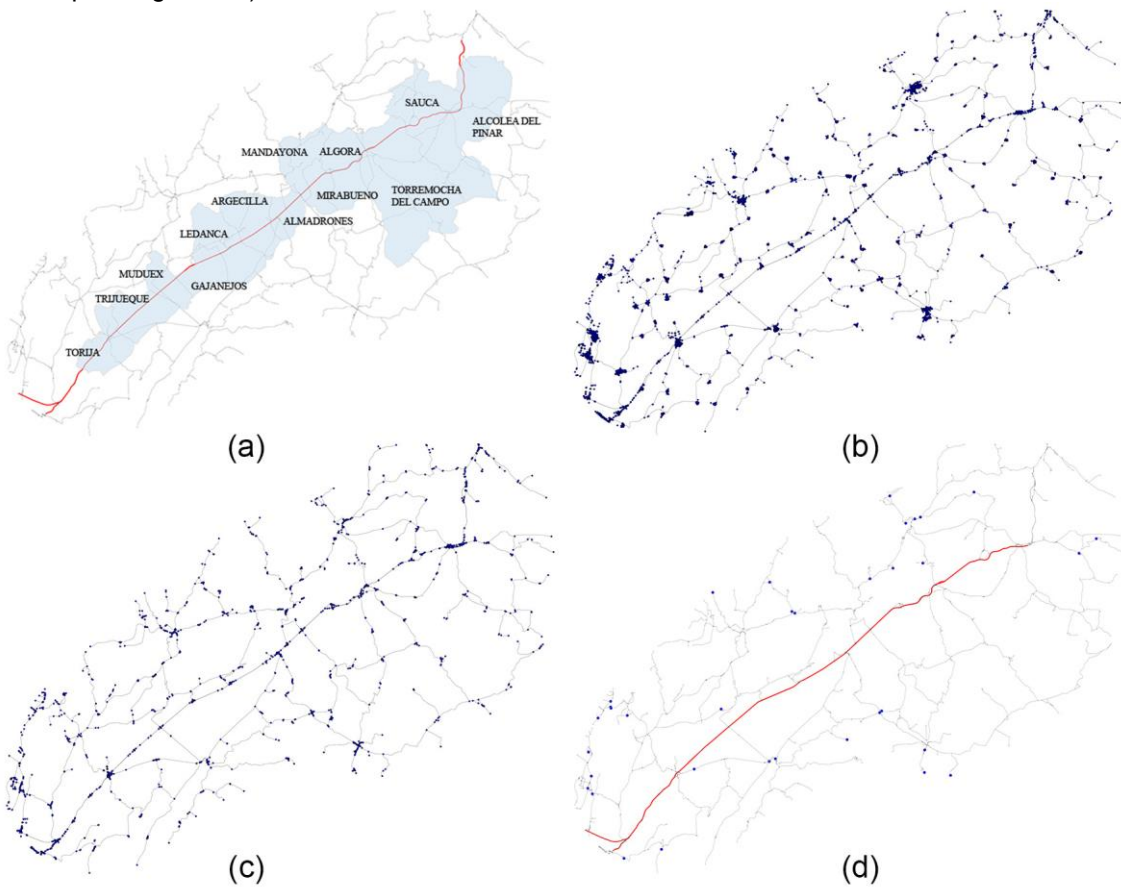
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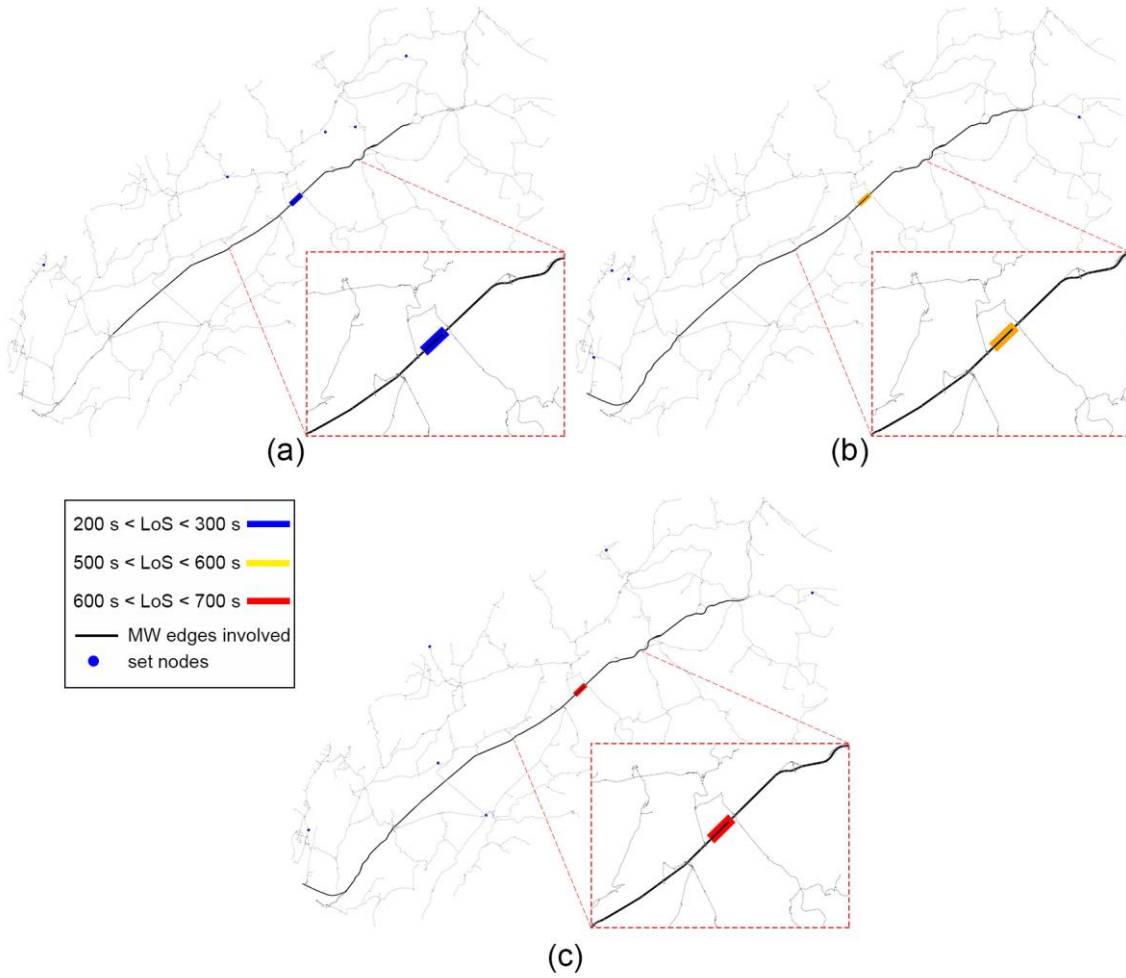
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Figure 2 A2 Highway section localization (source <https://www.google.com/maps>, edited by corresponding author).



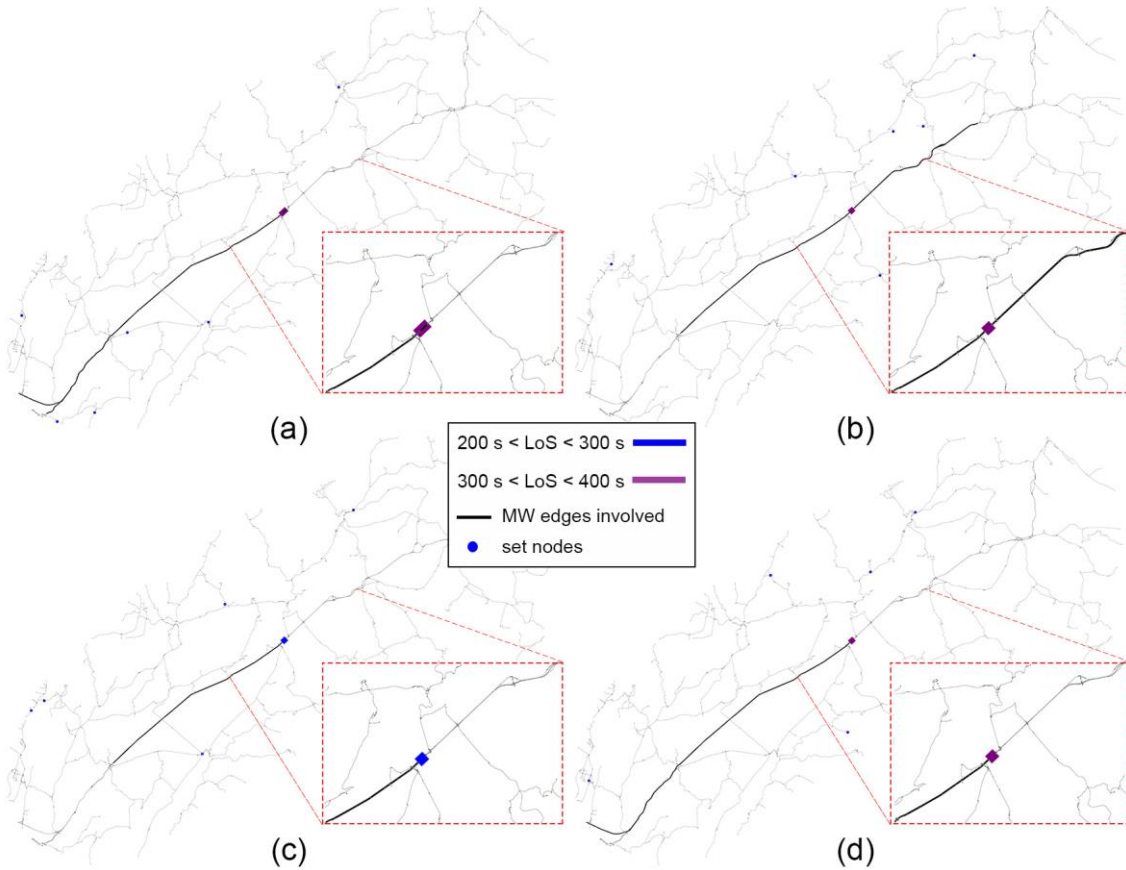
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Figure 3 A2 Highway highlighted in red in the network graph by OSM (a); (b) Network graph-structure by OSMnx (b), simplified Network graph-structure by OSMnx (c), random nodes and highlighted edges of the stretch highlighted in red (d).



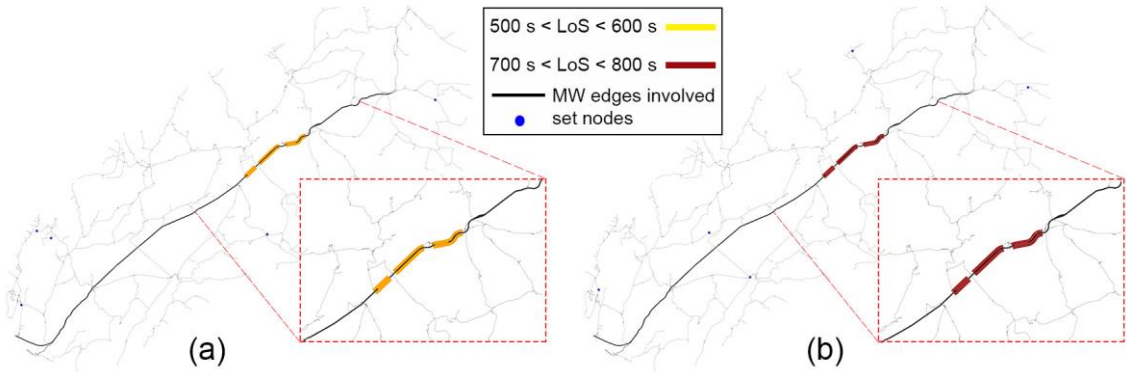
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Figure 4 LoS index for MW Trunk 60 calculated in sets 2 (a), 5 (b) and 6 (c).



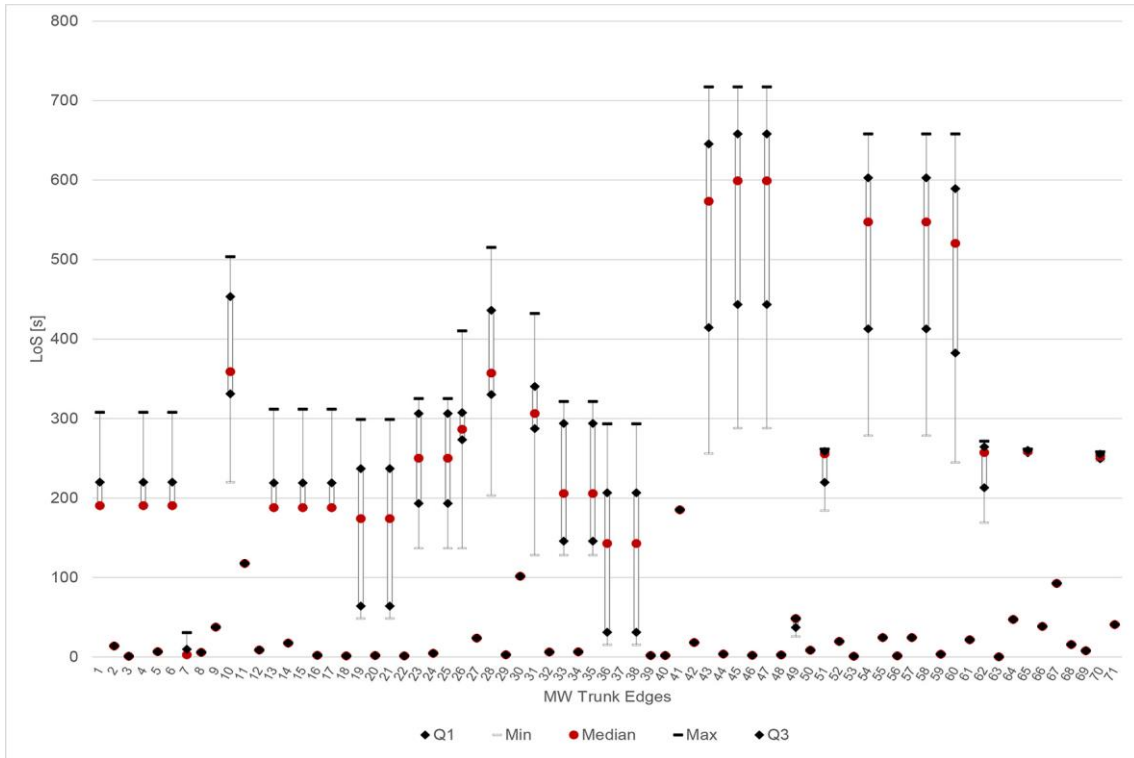
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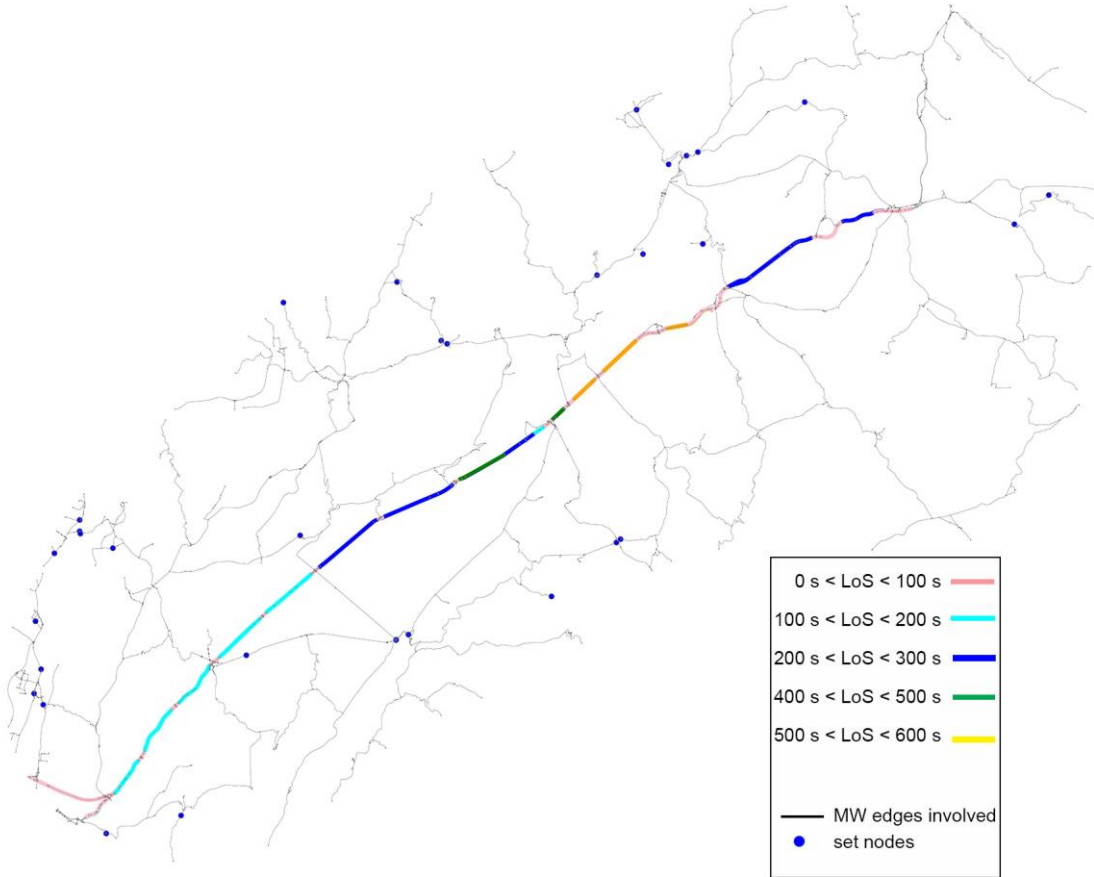
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Figure 6 LoS index of most MW Impactful Trunk edges (43, 45 and 47) calculated in set 5 (a) and in set 6 (b).



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Figure 7 Median values of LoS of the MW trunk edges involved in the network analysis.



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Figure 8 Q1, Min, Median, Max and Q3 values calculated by LoS indexes of sets for each MW Impactful Trunk edge.

Set	N° Impactful edges [-]	α_s [s]
Set_1	100	44402.39
Set_2	97	47068.19
Set_3	51	53762.48
Set_4	86	54344.19
Set_5	150	61379.91
Set_6	150	62028.68
Set_extreme nodes	153	5092.79

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Table 1 Sets of random nodes and related impactful edges and α reference values of the network analysis.

Set	MW Trunk impactful edge	LoS [s]
Set_1	28	356.29
Set_2	10	341.62
Set_3	10	219.77
Set_4	10	376.57
Set_5	45	599.24
	47	599.24
	43	717.35
Set_6	45	717.35
	47	717.35

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Table 2 Most MW Trunk impactful edges and LoS values for each node set of the network analysis.