

# Type of Tires : Impact on Pavements

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Charges et dimensions des véhicules  
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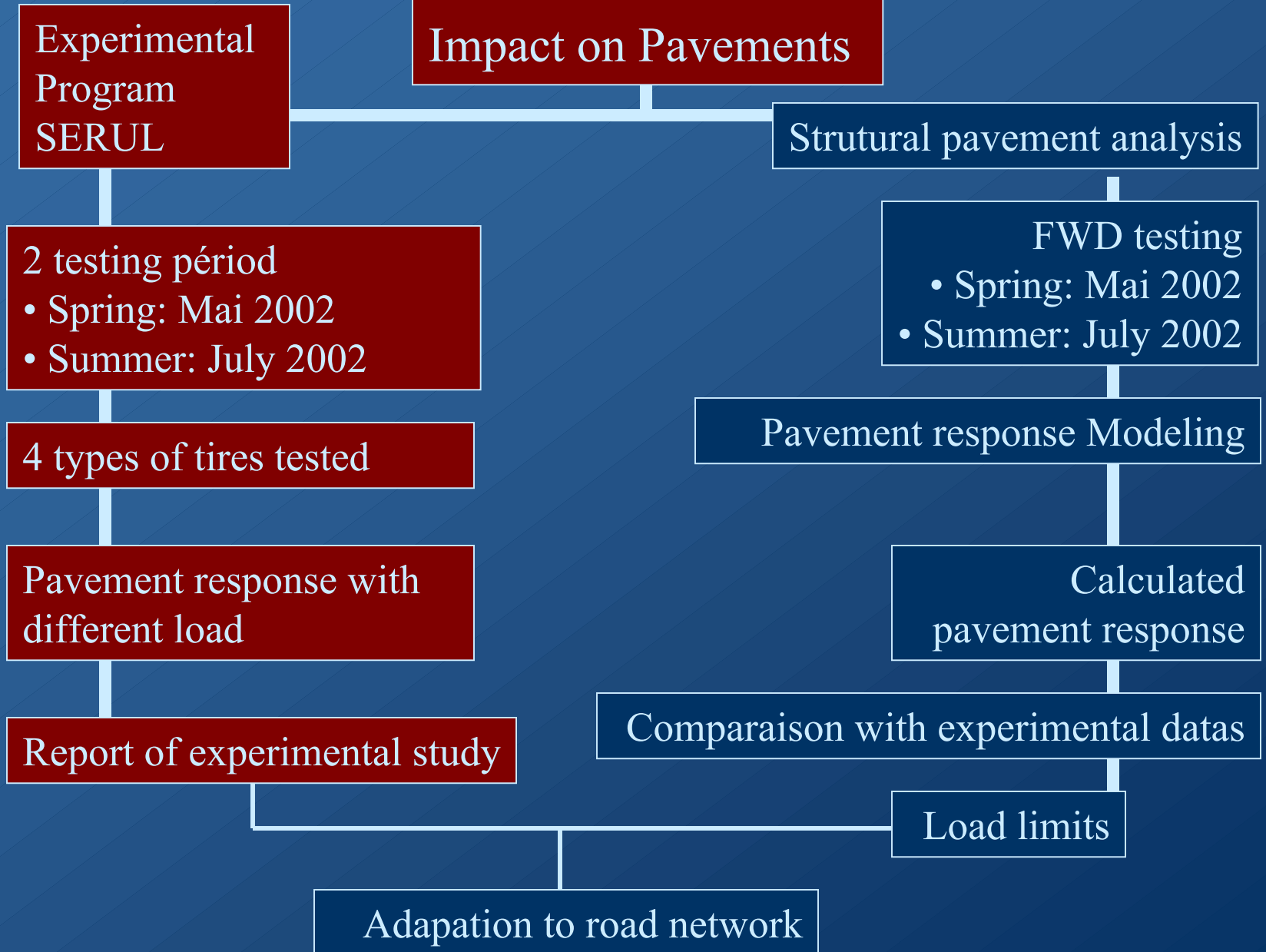
# Presentation outline

- ◆ Scope
- ◆ Testing Program
- ◆ Model (Validation)
- ◆ Failure criterion
- ◆ ESAL for different tires
- ◆ Load limits : Regulation
- ◆ Conclusions
- ◆ Further works recommended

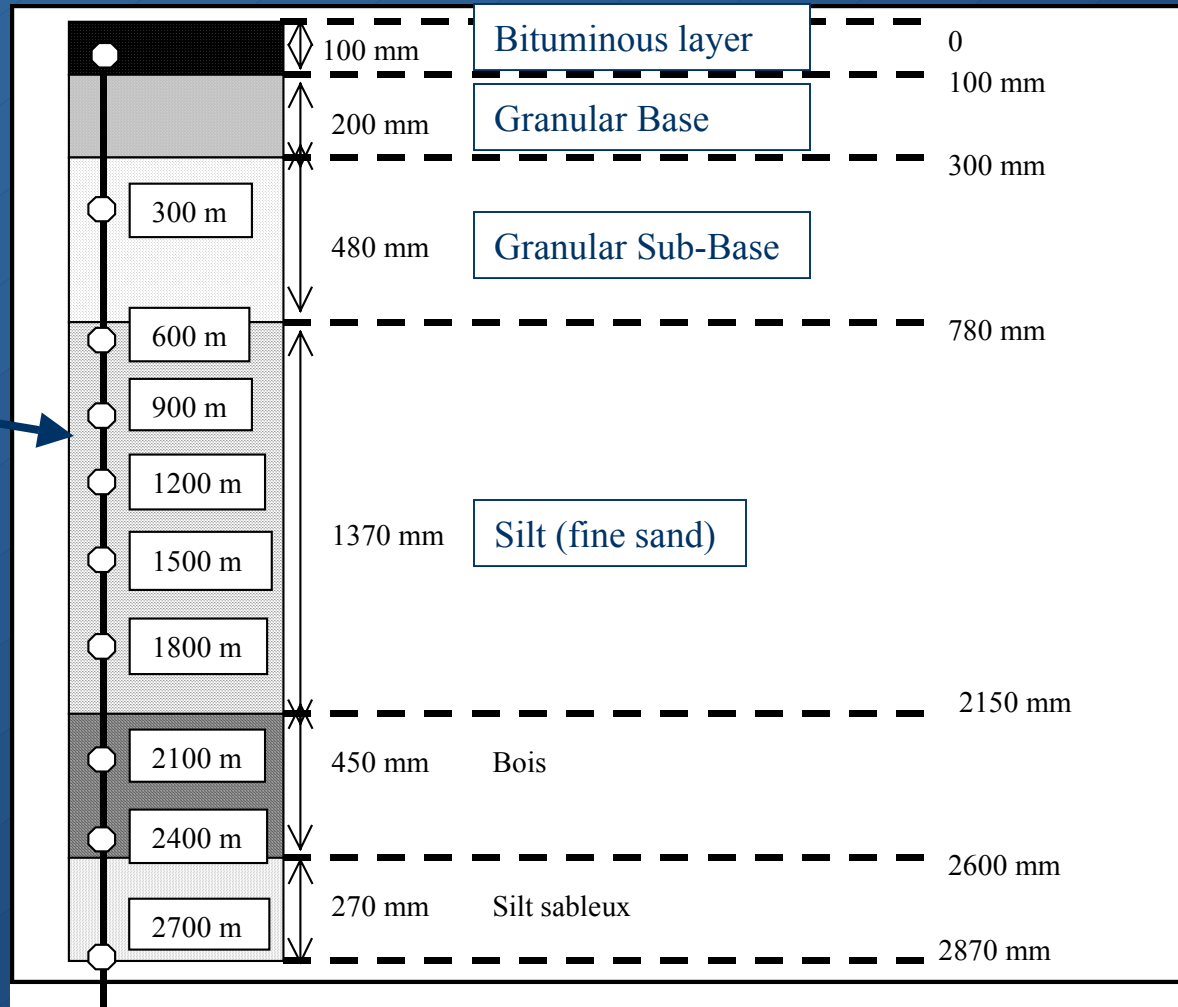
# Scope

- ◆ Provide technical informations concerning pavement response with different type of tires.
- ◆ Propose an adaptation to the regulation concerning axial loading.

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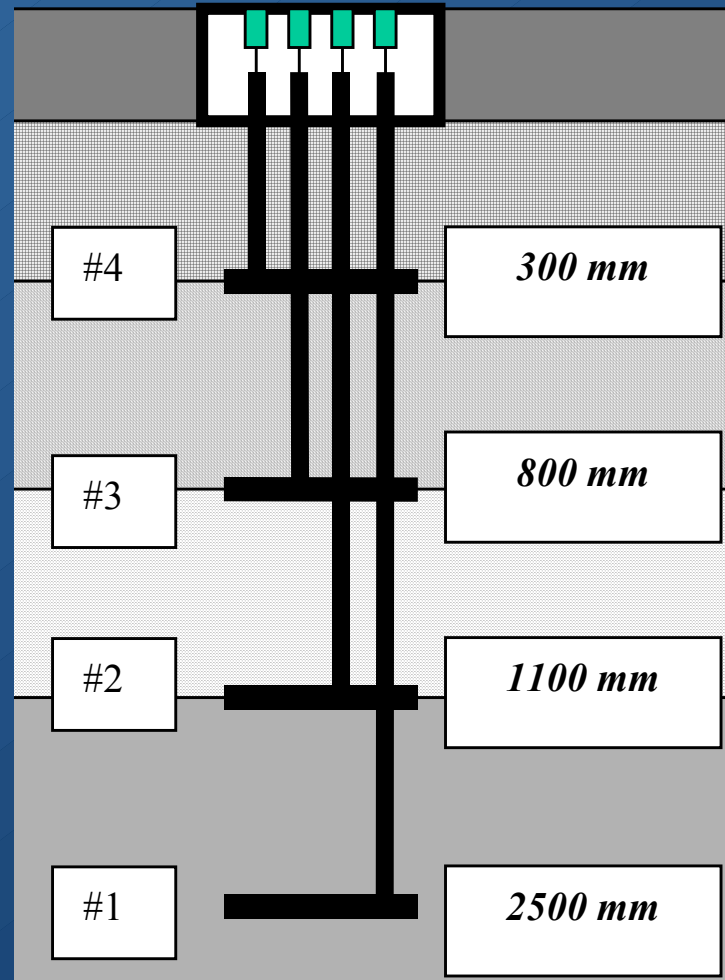


# Pavement Structure

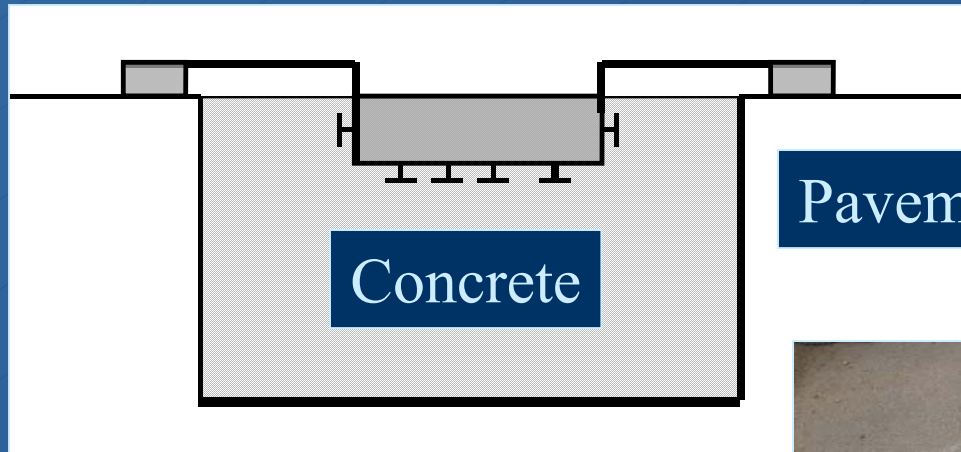


Temperature probe

# Multi-depth Deflectometer



# Vertical strain cell



Pavement

Concrete

Epoxy/granular cell

optical fibres



Concrete base

# Tire tested





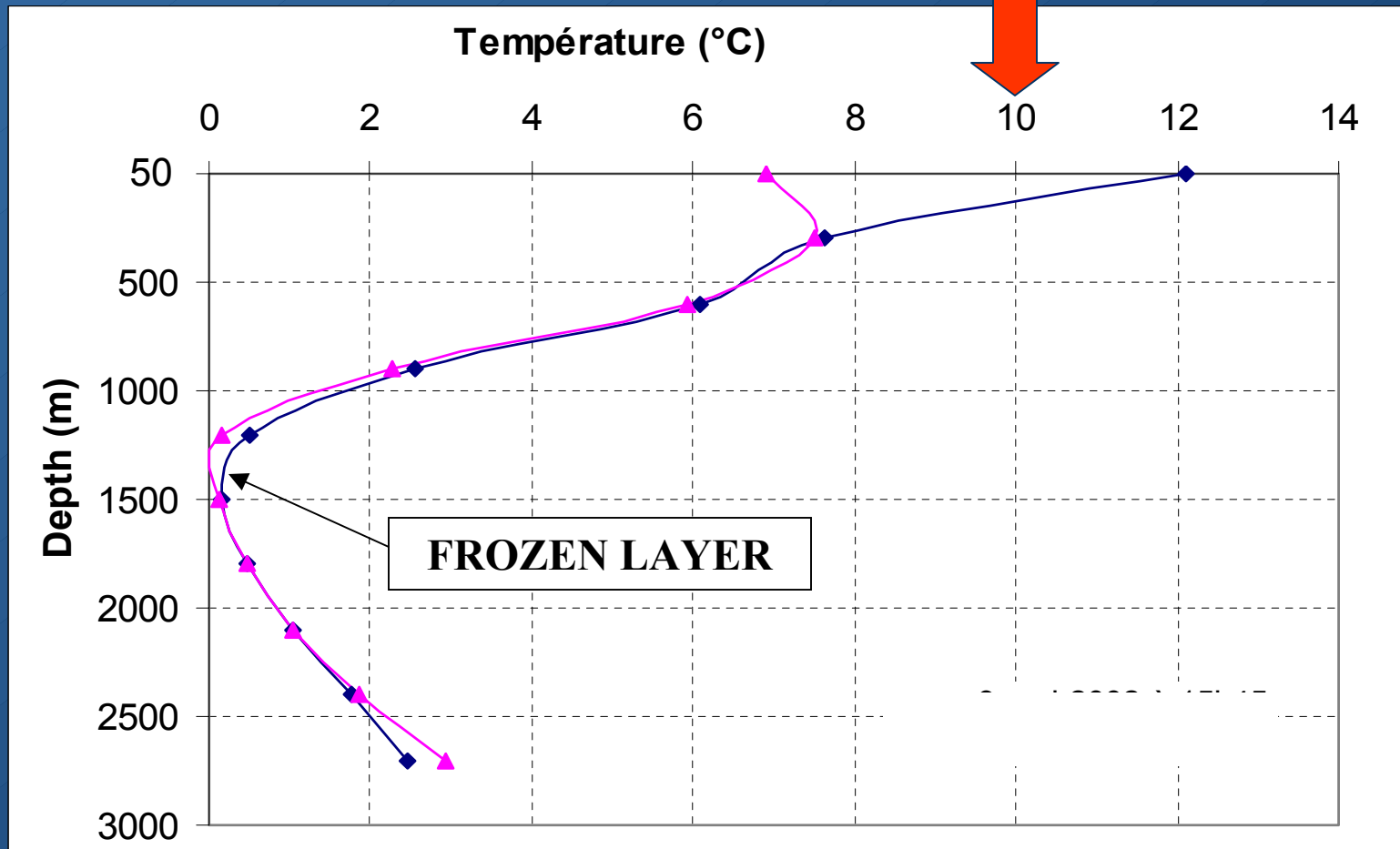
# Truck used for testing



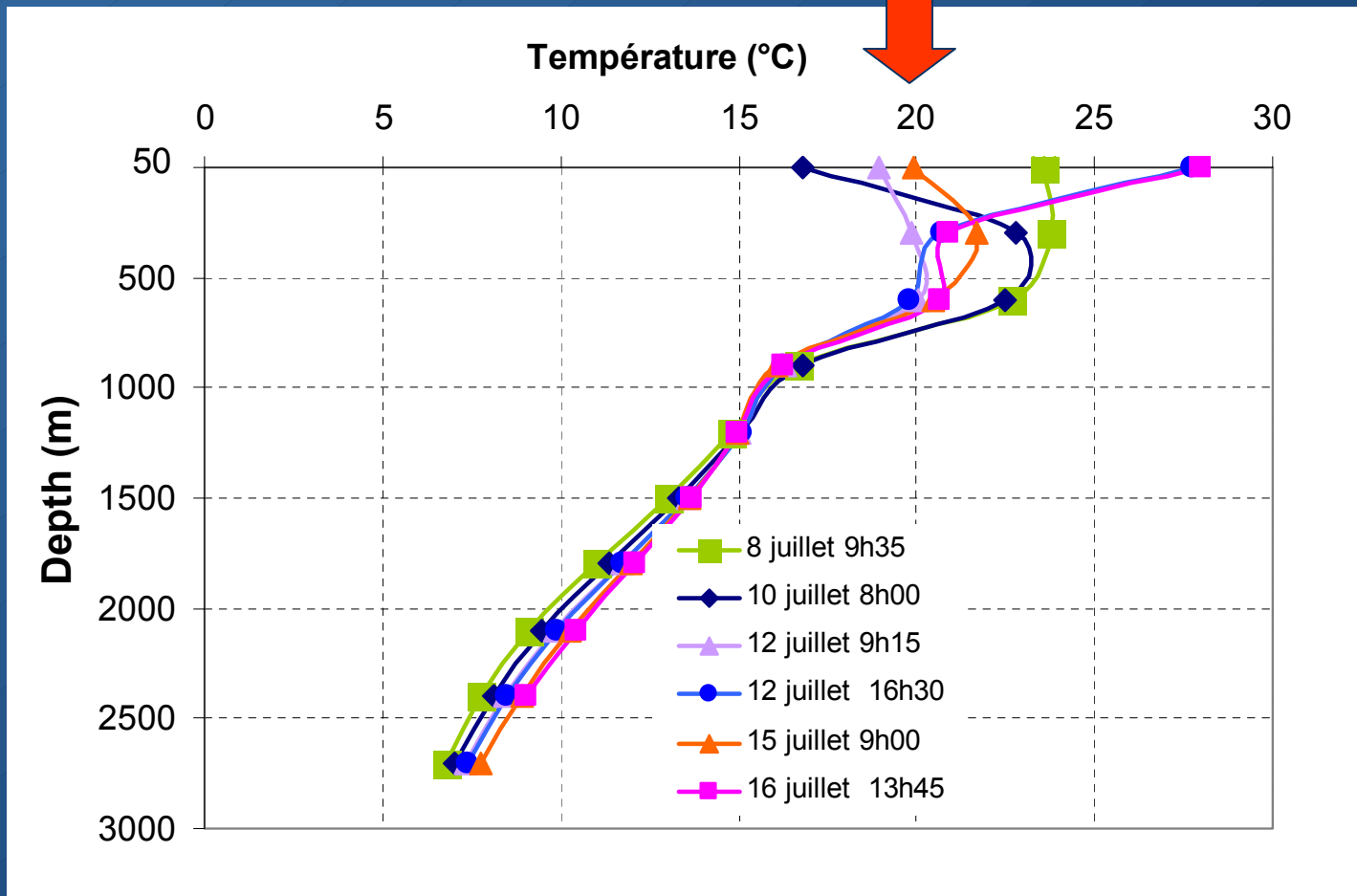
# Benkelman beam test



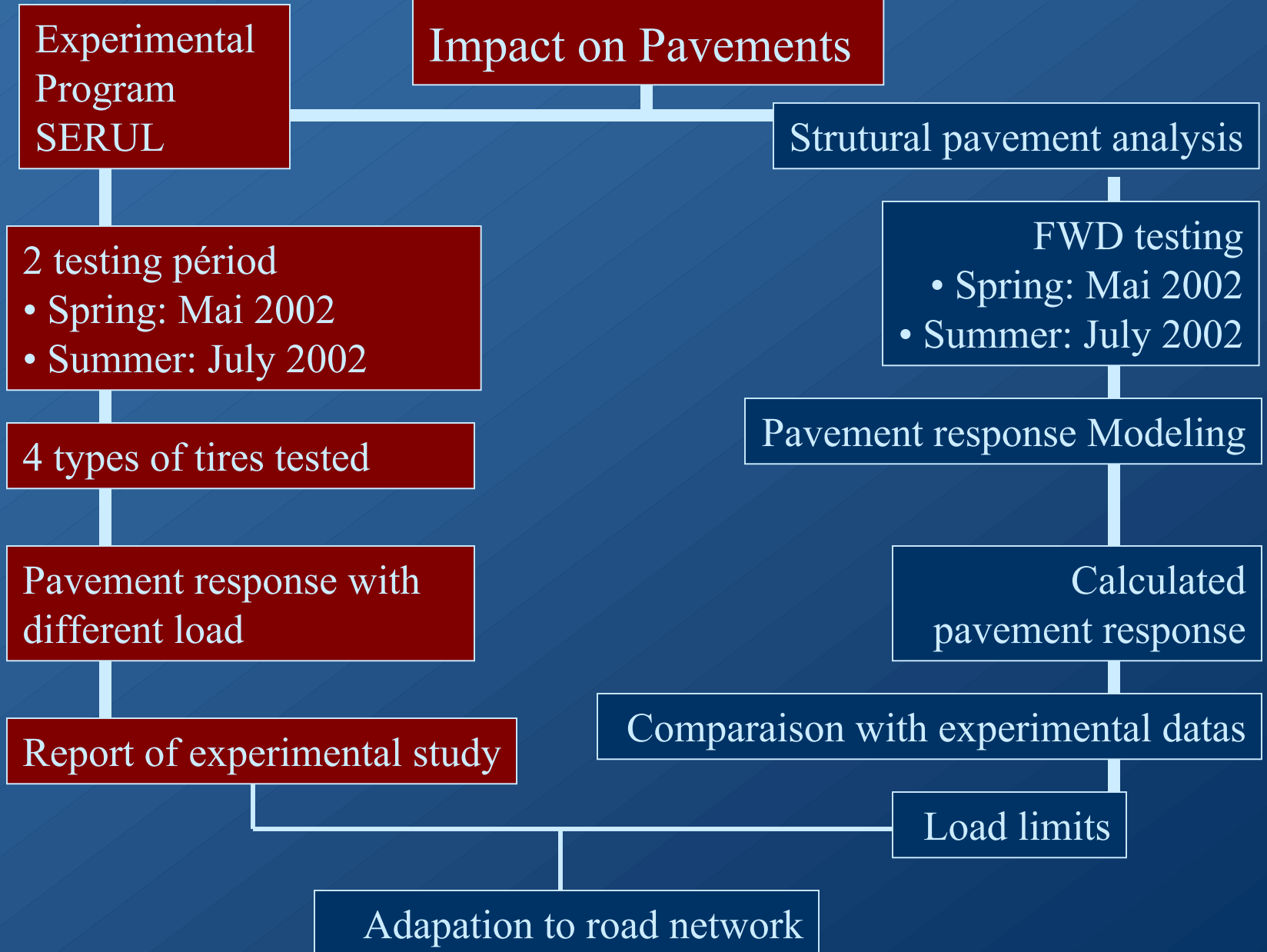
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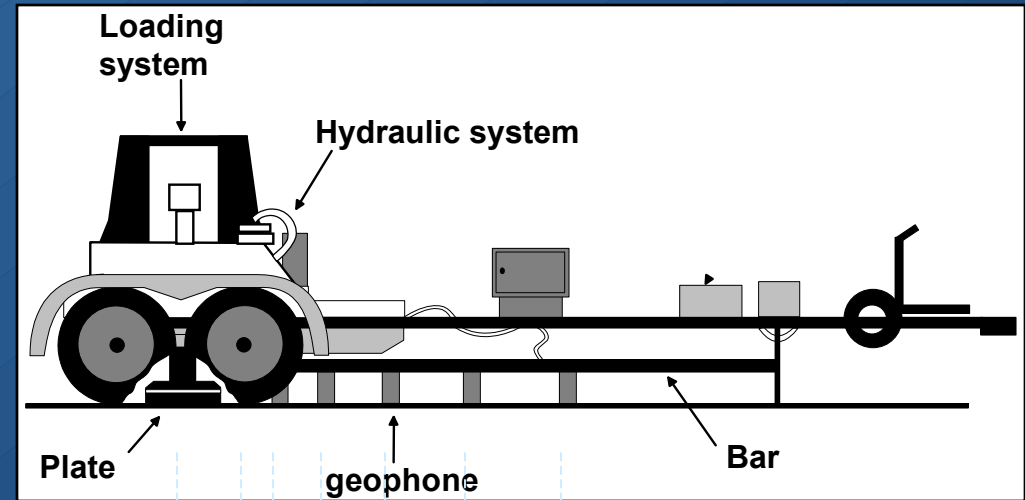
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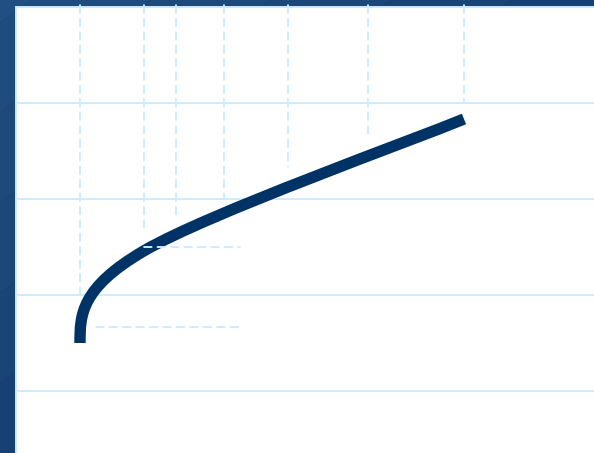
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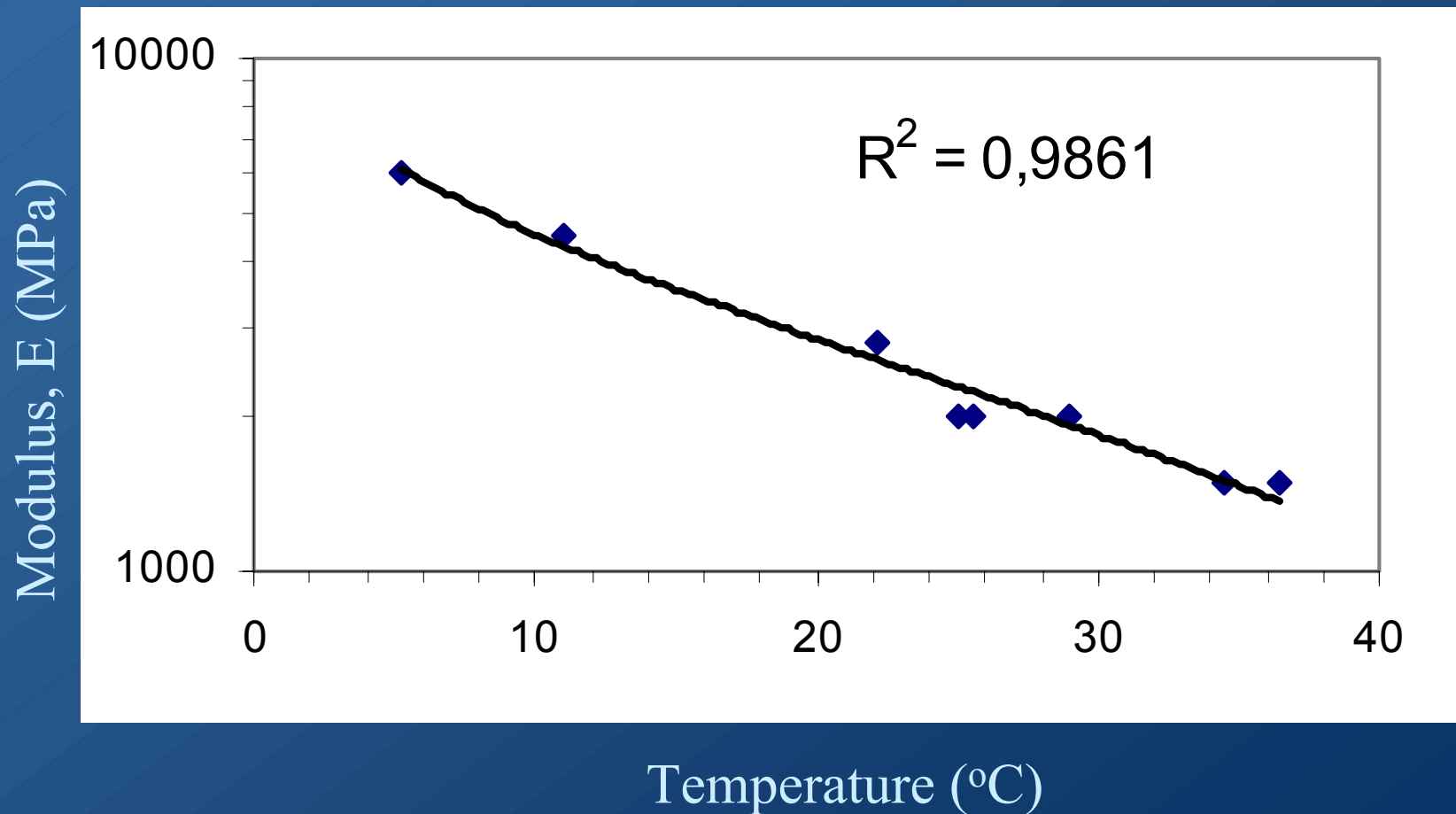
# FWD deflection



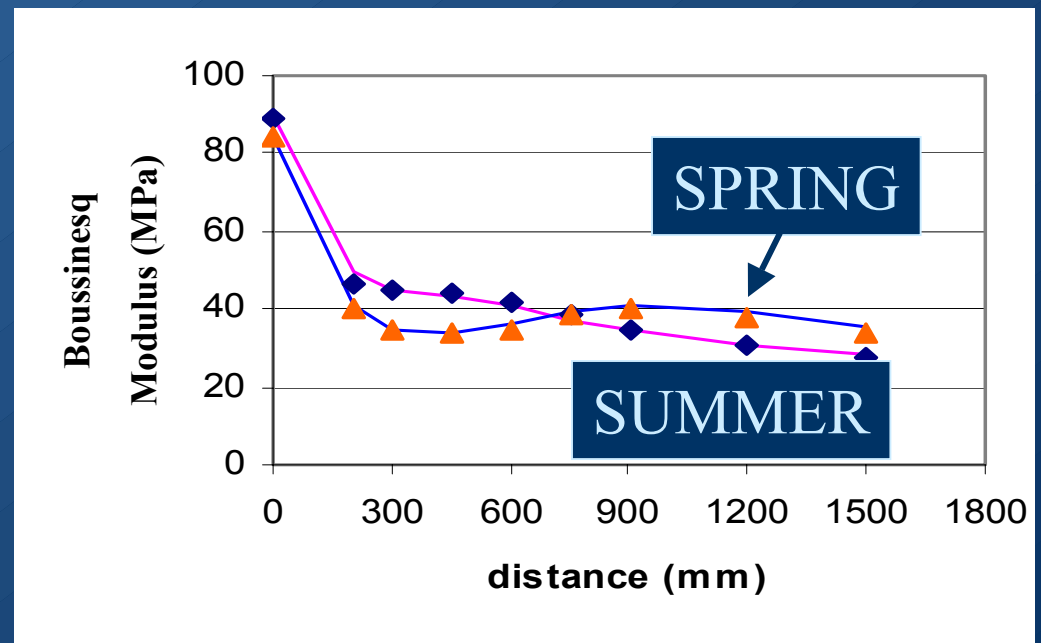
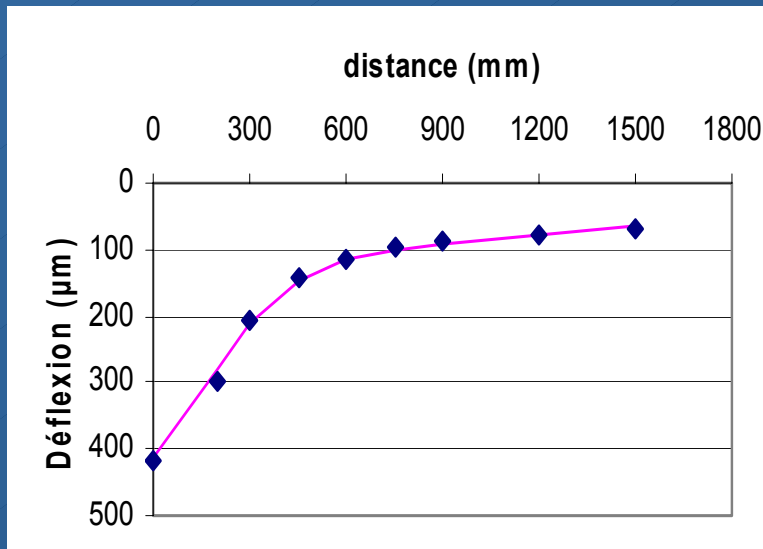
Deflection ( $\mu\text{m}$ )



# Asphalt Modulus (MPa) vs Temperature (°C)

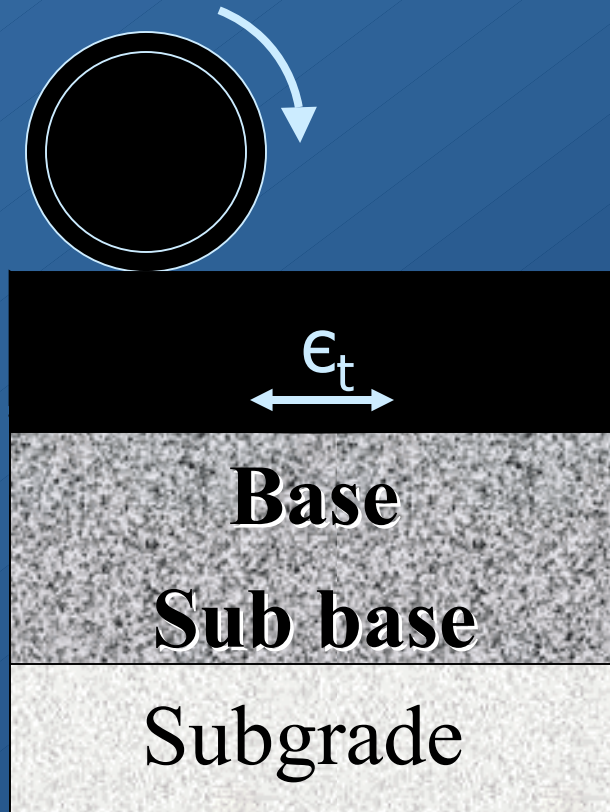


# Pavement response Modeling





# Loaded pavement response



Issue : Calculated  
the tension strain ( $\epsilon_t$ )  
at the bottom of  
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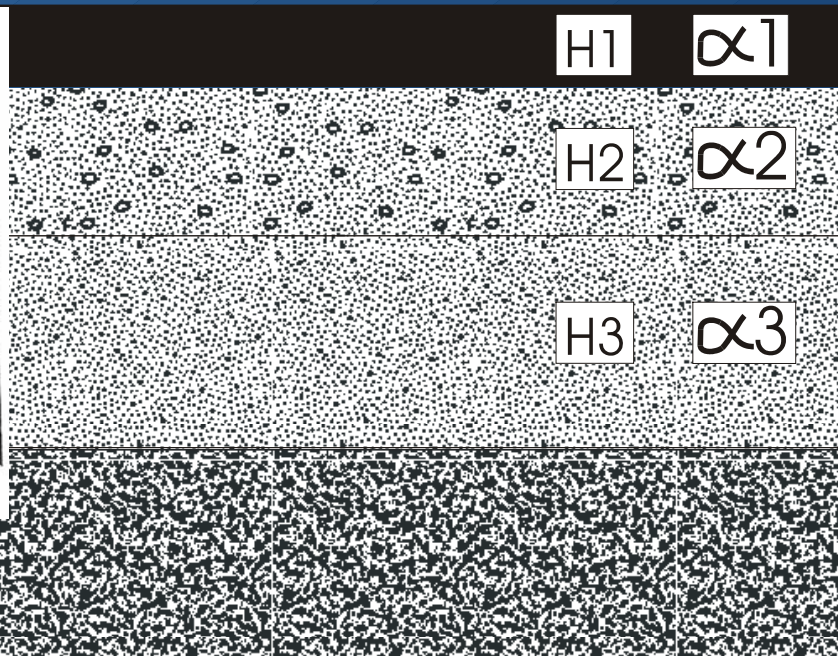
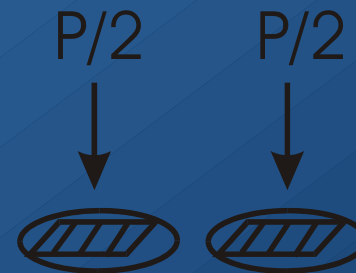
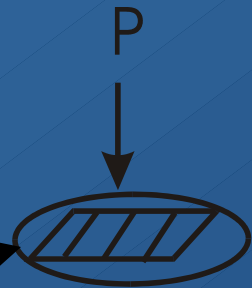
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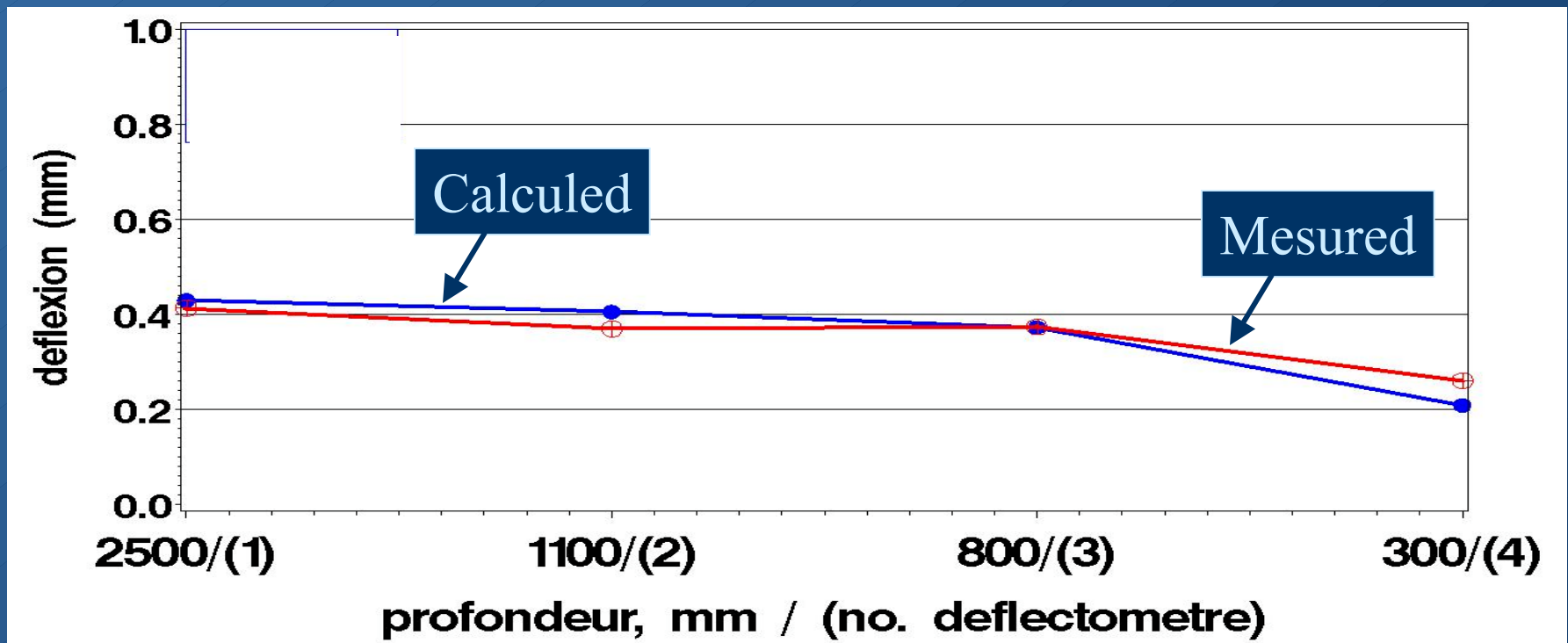
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# WIDE BASE TIRE

# DUAL TIRES



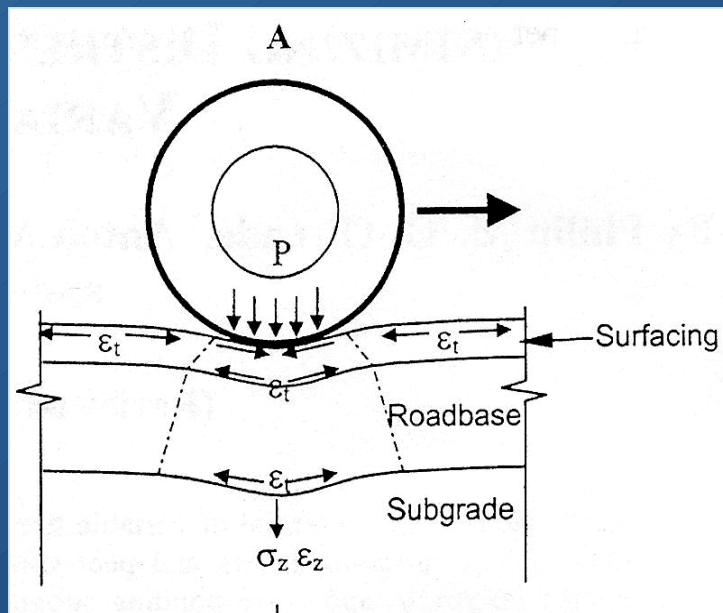
# Comparaison of calculated deflection vs measured



# Failure criterion

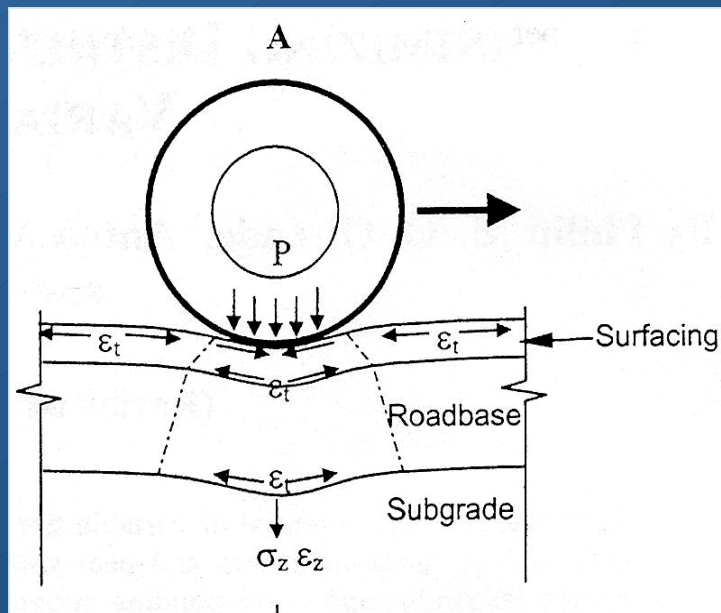
## ◆ Fatigue

- $N_t = 10^6 \times (\epsilon_t / K)^{-a}$  ;  $K = 240$  et  $a = 3.29$   
 (Asphalte Institute)



# Failure criterion

- ◆ Rutting in subgrade or base
  - $N_0 = 1.077 \times 10^{18} (\epsilon_v)^{-4.483}$   
(Chevron)



# Failure criterion

## ◆ Flow rutting

- $\log(\epsilon_p / \epsilon_r) = -3.74938 + 0.4262 \log(N_0) + 2.02755 \log(T)$   
(AASHTO 2002)



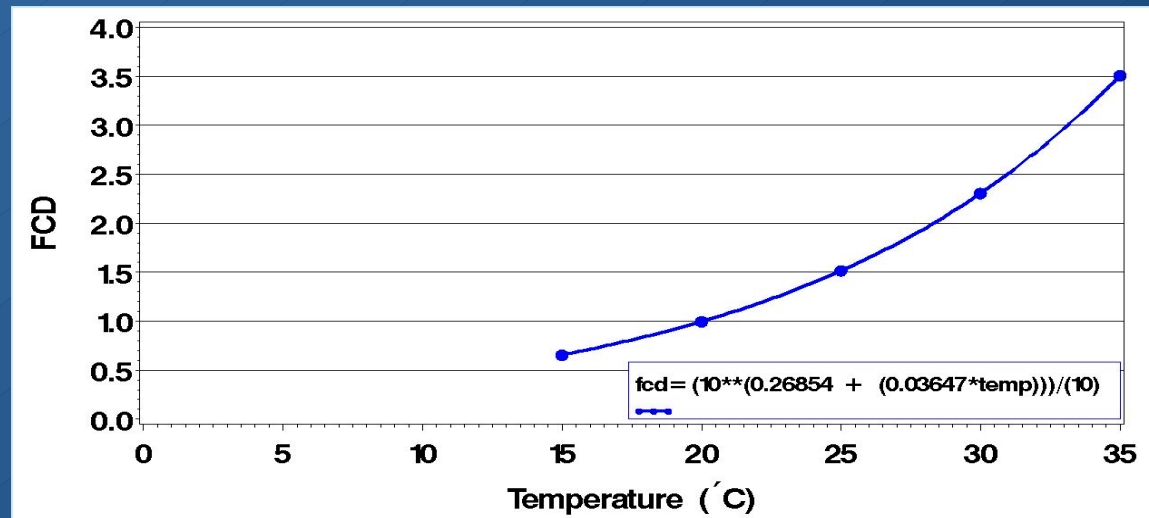
# ESAL

- ◆ Ratio between the pavement damage cause by a specific load and a reference load.
  - $ESAL_t = N_r / N_t$
- ◆ Normalized ESAL with reference temperature
  - $ESAL_t = FCD \times ECAStr$

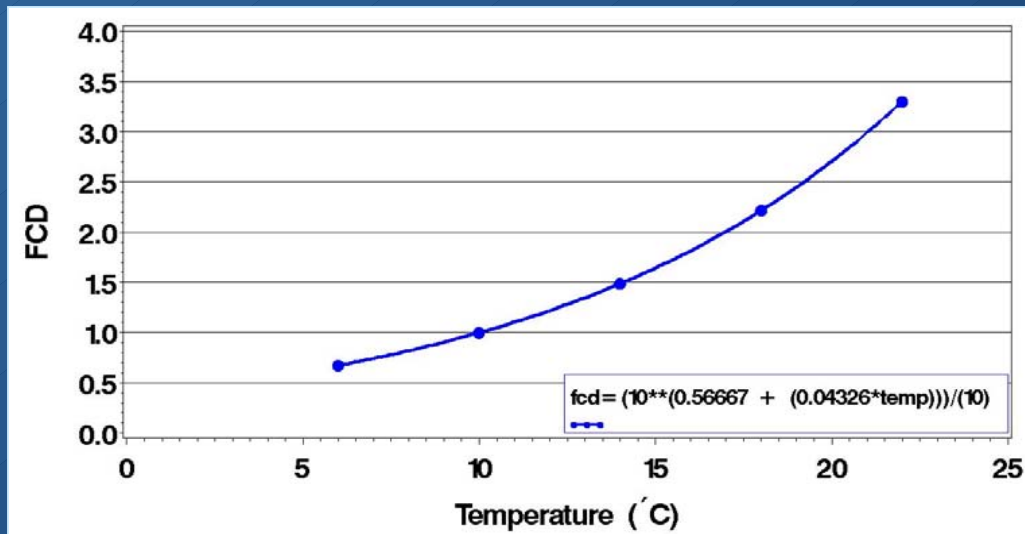


# Fatigue dammage correction factor FCD

Summer



Spring



**Spring**



ESAL  
(fatigue)

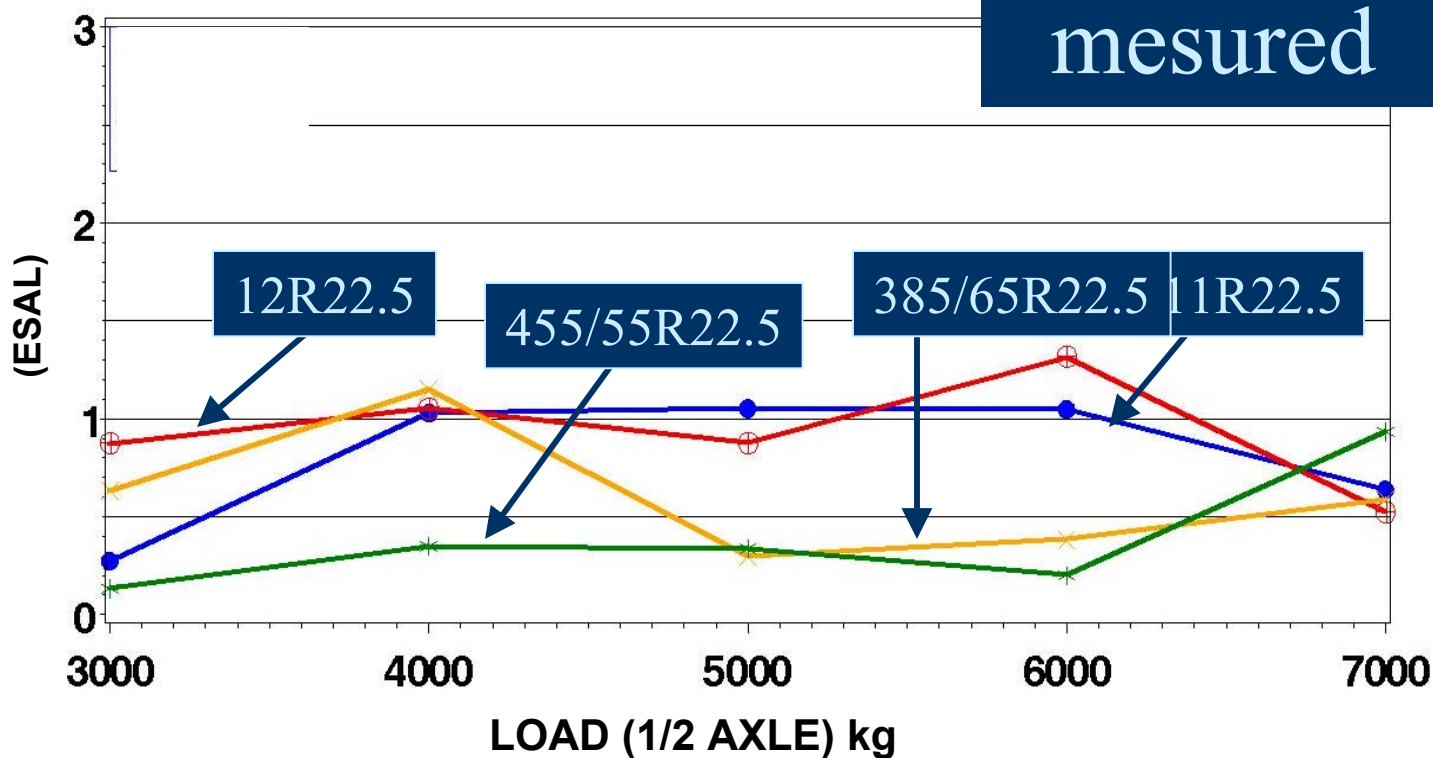
**Summer**





Summer

# ESAL (flow rutting)



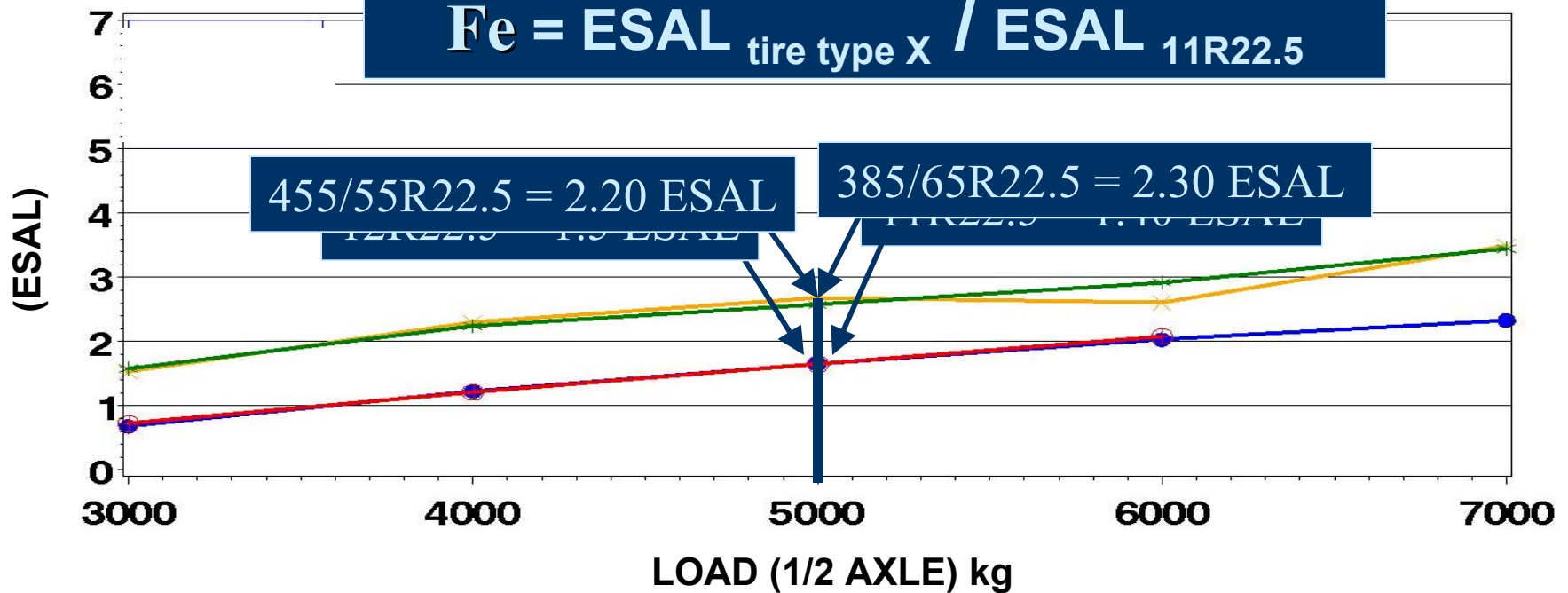
# Combine « ESAL »

- ◆ Combine effect of two types of failure
  - Fatigue and flow rutting
    - Spring
    - Summer
  - Fatigue and Rutting in subgrade or base
    - Spring
    - Summer



# Combine « ESAL » (Fatigue and flow rutting)

$$F_e = \text{ESAL}_{\text{tire type}} \times \frac{\text{ESAL}_{11R22.5}}{\text{ESAL}_{11R22.5}}$$



# Load limits



**Single**  
10 000 kg



**Tandem**  
1.6 \* 10 000 kg



**Tridem**  
2.13 \* 10 000 kg

# Load limits (Summer)

## ◆ Exemple - Single axial

- Pneu 11R22.5       $P_{\text{limite}} = 10\ 000\ \text{kg}$  (Fe=1.00)
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# Conclusion

- ◆ With the same load, Wide-base tire cause more pavement dammage than a standard dual tires
- ◆ Fatigue of bituminous layer is the critical « failure criterion »
- ◆ The axle load limit must be reduce by 16% for a wide-base tire

# Further works

- Perform a road network analysis;  
Evaluation of **Fe** factor for different types of roads.
- Révision of the load limits regulation according to the benefits for the transportation industry

## Further works

- ◆ Complete a data analysis from SERUL experimental study to learn more about the "tire-pavement" interface impact

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