

# Can 'big data' answer the big question – how do my haul roads perform?

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### Overview



#### What's the problem?

Why haul road performance is critical to efficient and productive haulage



### How can 'big data' help?

How existing data can assist us to manage haul roads in real-time



#### **Analytics**

Identifying and combining data to measure real-time rolling resistance



### **Application Scenario**

Can 'big-data' analytics support real-time road management practices?

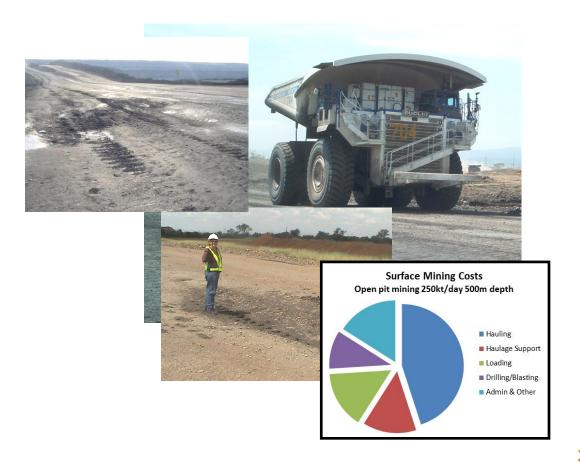




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- Primary measure of mine road 'performance' is often based on 'rolling resistance'
  - Frequently the focus of road improvement strategies and cost benefit evaluations,

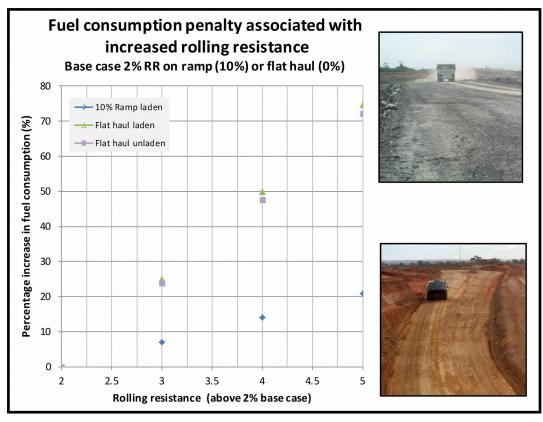
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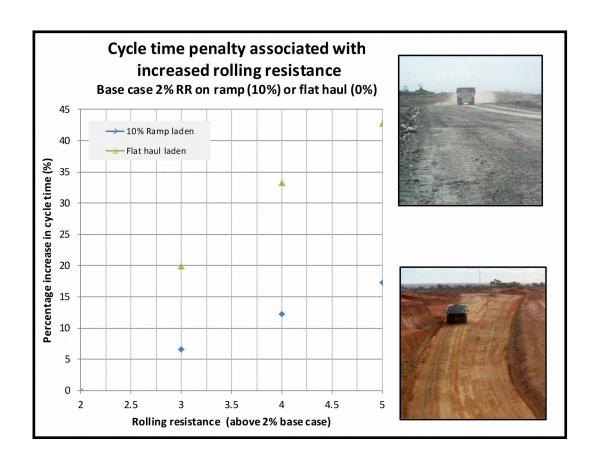
 ... what effect does rolling resistance exert on haulage productivity and costs?





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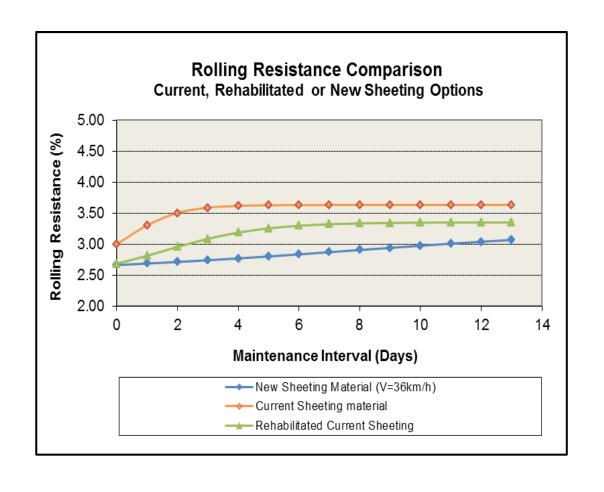






- <u>Value Proposition</u> the benefit of improved haul road performance on operations?
  - Haul cycle time improvements, increased tph, t.km/hr
  - Reduced fuel consumption, decreased unit costs
- But, where and how should
  - Routine road maintenance or
  - •Rehabilitation campaigns

be focused for maximum economic benefit?







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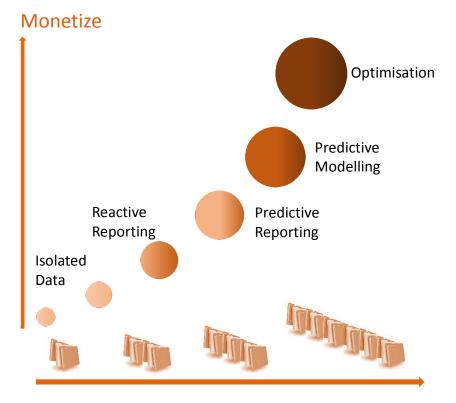


Using Proof Engineering's road condition monitoring tools and website: http://www.mapping.ideame.com.au/home/.



 Big data analytics - the process of examining large and varied data sets to uncover 'hidden' data, establish new correlations and performance measures that can help operations to;

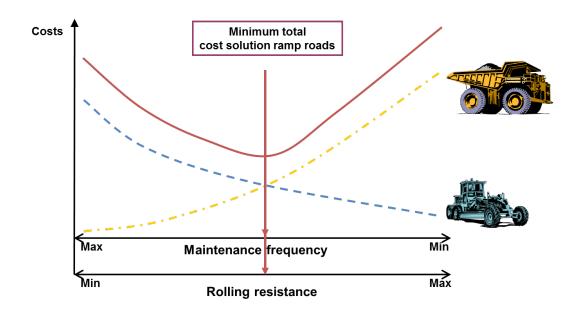
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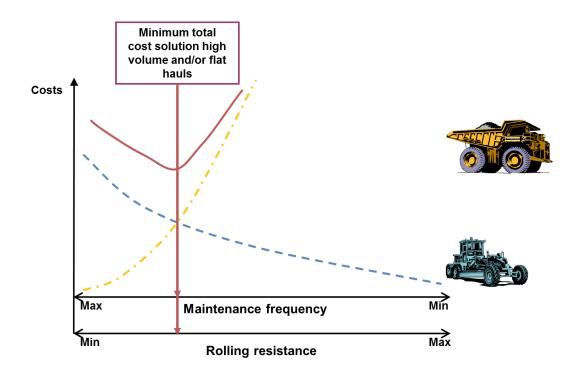


Data volume & analytics



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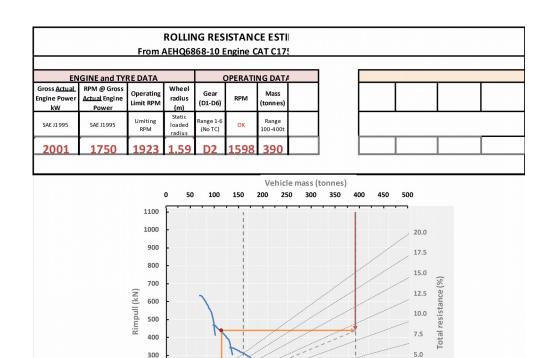




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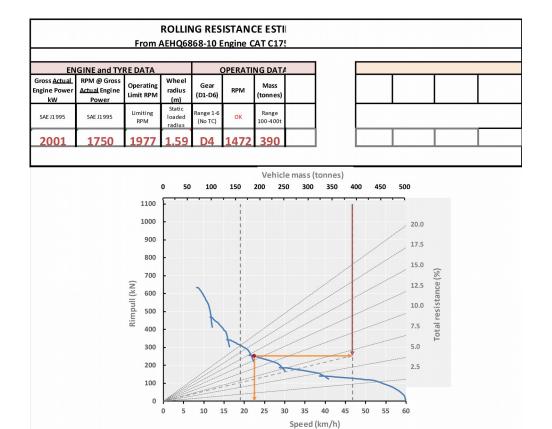


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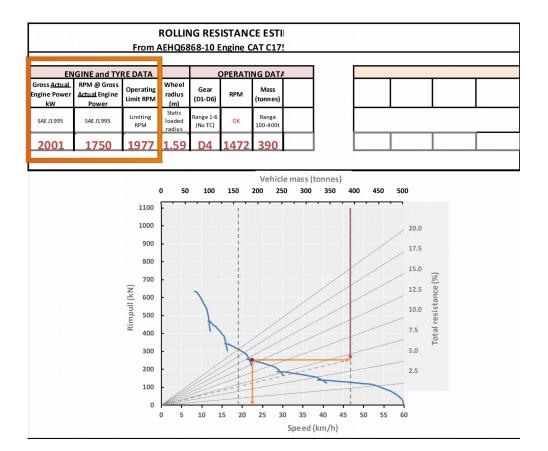






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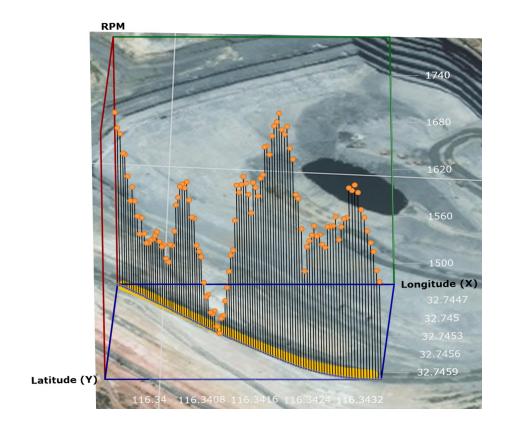
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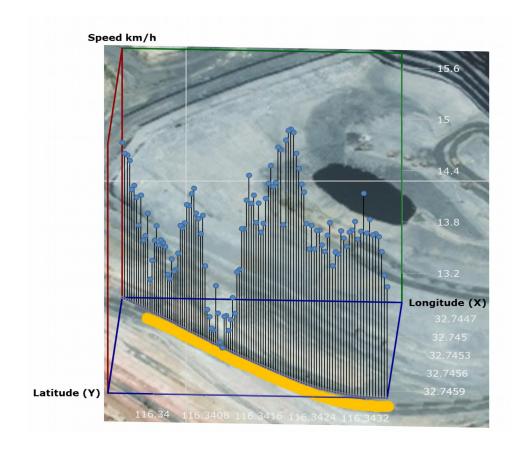




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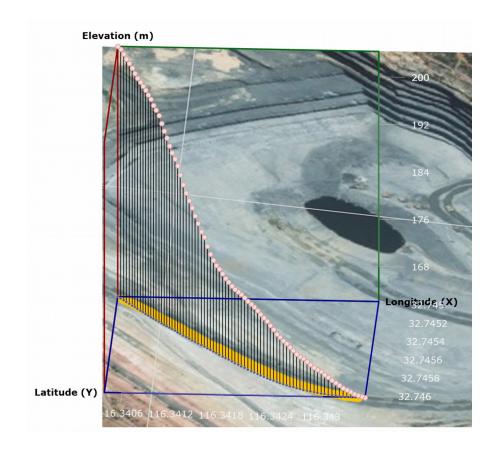
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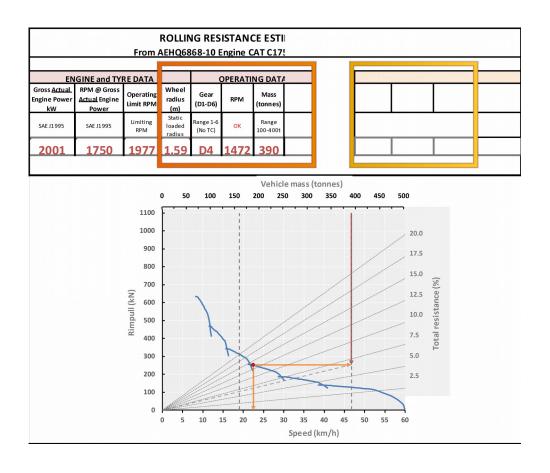
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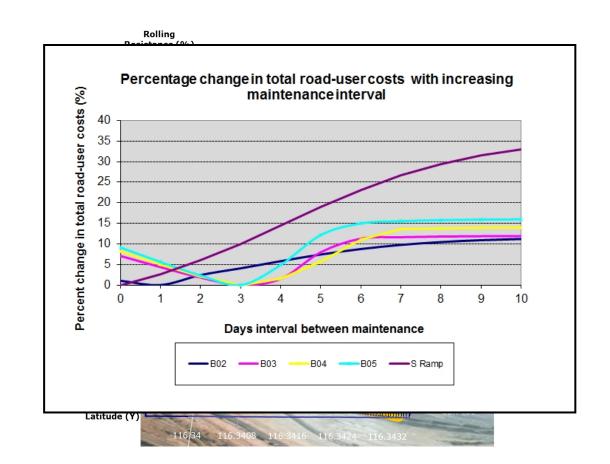




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  - Mine planning data;
    - Real-time traffic volumes and
    - future material movements
- Combining and analysing the various data sources to deliver real-time haulroad performance data.





### **Summary**

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Why is haul road performance is critical?

**↑1%RR** Ramps

**↓**7% KPH

↑7% Fuel burn

**↑1%RR** Flat hauls

**4**20% KPH

↑25% Fuel burn

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Can existing data assist us to manage haul roads in real-time?

Data exists but a 'big data' approach is required to produce new insights into road performance

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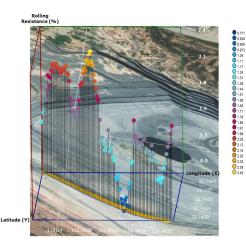
Analytics to identify and measure real-time rolling resistance.

Fundamental models indicates methodology is sound.
Need to consider volume, velocity, variety and

veracity of data sources

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Can 'big-data' analytics enhance real-time road management?







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