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# Substantiation of Design Characteristics of Saline Soils of The Subgrade Embankments

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## **Summary**

An improvement, strength and deformation characteristics of saline loess soils are discussed in the paper. Using the results of laboratory tests in field conditions, a recommendation has been developed on the use of stabilizers to improve the properties of loess soils used in calculation of road pavements design. Studies have been conducted to substantiate the design characteristics of the working layer of the subgrade built of saline soils with account of hydro-thermal regime; the development of design solutions; the improvement of the methods for determining humidity and functional dependencies based on the determination of their indices; the improvement of saline soils properties; the development of stabilizing surfactants "Bitumen emulsions"

**Keywords:** Saline soil; Stabilization; Water resistance; Bitumen emulsions; Surfactants; Loess soils; Compressive strength; Flexural strength

## Introduction

The problem of saline soils usage in design and construction of roads is of great importance. Saline soils are widely distributed along the coasts of the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian oceans and the majority of seas. As a foundation of the structure, saline soils are used in Australia, Egypt, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, the United States, Uzbekistan, and in several European countries. Therefore, the study of the properties of saline soils, including the stability assessment of road embankments built of saline soils is considered an urgent task [1]. In the process of design, building and operating of highway roads scientifically based and targeted studies of the strength characteristics of saline soils in the body of the roadbed are relevant all over the world. The most actual issues in these spheres (including the substantiation of their design characteristics) are the following ones: the development of design solutions for the working layer of the roadbed of saline soil; an account the hydro-thermal regime; the improvement of the methods to assess the density and moisture content; the properties of saline soils of the roadbed of existing highway systems; the substantiation of design characteristics of saline soils; the improvement of the methods for artificial improvement of the properties of saline soils with surfactants; the development of the methods for predicting their effect on design characteristics of the roadbed [2].

Currently, in the transport and communication system of the republic, a special attention is paid to the qualitative improvement of the design, construction and operation of roads. To fulfill these tasks the following aspects should be implemented: the substantiation of design characteristics of the working layer of the roadbed of saline soils, taking into account its hydro-thermal regime; the development of design solutions; the improvement of the methods for determining the moisture content and functional dependences on the basis of determining their parameters; the improvement of the properties of salinized soils, the development of stabilizing "Bitumen emulsion" surfactants. In this direction due to improvement of the methods of increasing the strength of the subgrade layers, i.e. taking into account the transport loads, the construction of new highways and the development of calculation methods to reduce the turnaround time of their operation are considered as urgent tasks.

# **Method of Researches**

Considering the features of the use of saline soils in the roadbed and road pavement, the following types of salinization are distinguished: chloride, sulfate-chloride, chloride-sulfate, sulfate and soda, and the following degrees of soil salinity: slightly saline, moderately saline, heavily saline and excessively saline soils. In

different regions of Uzbekistan in different natural conditions, saline soils differ both in composition and quantity. The salts most commonly found in soil structure are: NaCL, Na $_2$ SO $_4\cdot 10H_2$ O, MgSO $_4\cdot 7H_2$ O, MgCL $_2\cdot 6H_2$ O, CaCL $_2\cdot 6H_2$ O, NaHCO $_3$ , Na $_2$ CO $_3\cdot 10H_2$ O, CaCO $_3$  and CaSO $_4\cdot 2H_2$ O [3]. Irrigated lands make up 1970,700 hectares, of which 50% of irrigated land falls in newly acquired areas. Including 75% of the land in some different levels of salinity, including weak salinity of 1117.7 thousand hectares, average salinity - 611.2 thousand ha, strong salinity - 241.6 thousand hectares [4].

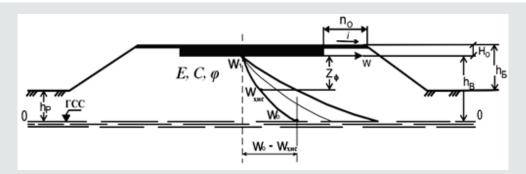
Allowable salt content in sub grade soils determined with the amount, which is soluble in water, filling the pores of the soil, compacted at optimum moisture. Classification of saline soils for using of road works [5] is in under given Table 1. The degree of soil salinity at the base of the roads and its influence on the estimated indices, physicomechanical properties of roads have been comprehensively studied by foreign scientists: Braja MD, David GP, Kuhn W, Neal BG by the researchers from the CIS countries: VF Babkov, VM Bezruk, Bartolomey IL, Groth AI, Jerusalemskaya MF, Karpov BN, Karpushko MO, Kuznetsov YuV, Kulizhnikov AM, Likov VA, Motylev Yu L, Mordovich SS, Naletova NS, Olkhovikov VM, Rogovskaya NV, Sergeev EM, Sidenko VM, Sukhorukov AV, Ushakov VV, Shulgina VP, by the scientists from Uzbekistan: Babakhanov PB, Ilyosov N, Kalandarov TK, KayumovAD, Rozhdestvensky ED, Rasulov KhZ, Stupakova LF, Khasanov AZ and others [1].

Table1: Classification of saline soils.

	Medium Containing of Salts Weight In Sa		Possibility of the using in Road Construction at the Device		
Stage of Saline Soils	Chloride and Sulphate-Chlo- ride	Sulphate, Chloride-Sulphate and natrium	Sub grade	Foundations of soil Reinforced Cementitious	
Slightly saline soils	0,8-3,0	0,8-1,5	Suitable		
Moderately saline soils	3,0-6,0	1,5-4,0	Suitable Suitable		
Highly saline soils	6,0-11,0	4,0-10,0	Suitable with limit Suitable with limit		
Excessively saline soils	>11,0	>10,0	Unsuitable		

The analyzed factors affecting the estimated indices of saline soils in the estimated period, and determining their difference from the values given in Normative Standards of Construction 46-08 [6], can be the following:

- The features of saline soils in comparison with clay soils of the same content, first of all, the content in composition of different salts in different amounts;
- II. The probability of a difference in density values of saline soils determined in field conditions from the ones given in Normative Standards of Construction 46-08;
- III. The probability of a difference in design of the working layer of the roadbed of existing roads built on saline soil from the ones given in the regulatory documents on design.



**Figure 1:** Design scheme of constructive solutions of road embankment, where: W1 is the initial humidity equal to the optimum humidity under soil compaction of the road bed,%; Wpac is the calculated humidity,%; Wtek is the humidity under soil yield,%; Za is the active zone, m; hP is the distance from the groundwater level to ground line surface, m; hB is the distance from the ground water level to the pavement design bottom, m; hB - is the distance from the ground to the edge of the road bed, m; HO is the pavement thickness; nO is the width of the curb, m; i is the slope of the curb; GWL is the groundwater level.

Thus, we may conclude that the calculated indices of saline soils in the roadbed depend on the type and amount of salts. For this reason, to determine the permissible values of the indices, it is important to conduct research in different regions of Uzbekistan

and, in parallel, in laboratory conditions. The soils of the working layers of road embankment are in a stressed state under the effect of loads caused by vehicles and under the influence of hydrothermal regimes. Studies of the water regime of the subgrade in

irrigated areas have shown that the field irrigation regime and the ground waters are the sources of wetting of the working layers of the road [7]. Based on the above considerations, to determine the estimated indices of road embankments built from saline soils in the conditions of Uzbekistan, the following scheme was proposed (Figure 1). In the diagram, the boundary of the active working layer is located at a certain depth from the pavement surface and at a certain height from the groundwater level. Ground water along the capillaries rise up and moisten the soil. The groundwater level changes with time, and the capillary diameter changes accordingly. Analysis of the constructive solution presented in Figure 1 shows that the strength and deformation indices of saline soils used in design of the pavement depend on its density, humidity, type and amount of salts. This functional dependency can be written as follows:

$$\begin{split} \hat{A} &= f_1(\hat{E}_{\ \vec{o}} \ , W_{\ \vec{O} \hat{a} \tilde{n}}, N, A) \\ \hat{N} &= f_2(K_{\ \vec{o}} \ , W_{\ \vec{O} \hat{a} \tilde{n}}, N, A) \\ \varphi &= f_3(K_{\ \vec{o}} \ , W_{\ \vec{O} \hat{a} \tilde{n}}, N, A) \end{split} \right\},$$

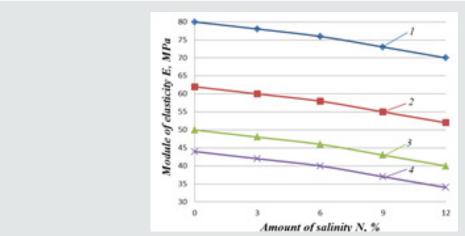
Where:  $Ky\pi$  is the soil compaction factor; Wpac is the calculated moisture, relative to the moisture at the yield point; N is the degree of salinity; A is the type of salts.

In these expressions (1), we first need to determine Wpac and Ky $\pi$ . In accordance with the goal of the research in laboratory and field conditions, it is necessary to investigate the effect of the indices given in the functional dependence (1) Ky $\pi$ , Wpac, N, A on indices E, C,  $\phi$  separately and as a set.

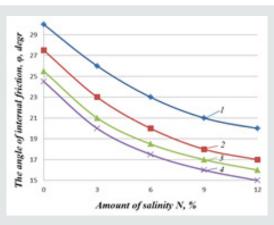
#### Discussion of Received Information's

Researches carried out by VM Bezruk, YuL Motylev, LF Stupakova show that in natural conditions of Uzbekistan soils are often strongly or excessively saline by sulphates and chloride-sulphates. Therefore, we have conducted the studies in laboratory conditions with soils, artificially salted by chlorides (NaCL),

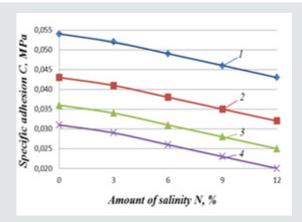
sulphates (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>·10H<sub>2</sub>O, MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O) at a concentration of 1-12%; salts of crystalline gypsum (CaSO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O) at a concentration of 10-15%. For the study, two types of non-saline loess soil samples from the area of 16-20km of the 4P1ring road of Tashkent have been selected. In terms of the amount of easily soluble salts, the soil under consideration belongs to slightly saline soils. The granulometric composition of soil is determined by preliminary washing with a sieve and a pipette. Soil samples for research have been prepared in the following order: light or heavy sandy loam, dried in air, is crushed and ran through a sieve mesh of 1mm, then, water solution with various salts of different concentrations is added in a required amount. This soil sample is stored in an exsiccator for three days, then drained in air and passed through the same sieve. Based on the aims of the study, soil passed through a sieve, is brought up to the desired humidity and density. Studies in the field conditions have shown that the soils of road base are mainly sandy heavy pulverescent loam. For this reason, laboratory studies have been conducted on saline heavy, pulverescent sandy loams. Soil samples are moistened to (0.60; 0.70; 0.80; 0.90) WTEK and compacted in metal rings with a diameter of 7.1cm and a height of 3.5cm to a density of 0.94; 0.96; 0.98; 1.00; 1.02. Then, the soil sample together with the ring is installed on the Maslov-Lurie device and the indices of cohesion C and internal friction angle φ are determined. A sample of saline soil was prepared in a similar order in a metal ring with a diameter of 10cm and a height of 11cm. The soil was compacted to the required value and the elastic modulus E was determined, using a punch with a diameter of 3cm and a lever installation. Figures 2-4 show the results of a study carried out to determine the dependence of the modulus of elasticity, cohesion force and the angle of internal friction of saline soil with chloride (NaCL), sulphates (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>·10H<sub>2</sub>O) and gypsums in the form of a crystal (CaSO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O) with different humidity (0.60; 0.70; 0.80; 0.90 Wтек) and density (compaction factor is 0.94; 0.96; 0.98; 1.00; 1.02).



**Figure 2:** Graph of dependence of elasticity modulus of NaCL saline soil on the amount of salinity and humidity:  $K_{y\pi}$ =1,00; 1-0,60 $W_{reg}$ ; 2-0,70 $W_{reg}$ ; 3-0,80 $W_{reg}$ ; 4-0,90 $W_{reg}$ .



**Figure 3:** Graph of the dependence of the angle of internal friction of NaCL saline soil on the amount of salinity and humidity:  $K_{vr} = 1,00; 1-0,60W_{rek}; 2-0,70W_{TeK}; 3-0,80W_{rek}; 4-0,90W_{rek}$ 



**Figure 4:** Graph of dependence of specific cohesion of NaCL saline soil on the amount of salinity and humidity:  $K_{yn} = 1.00$ ; 1-N = 0%; 2-N = 3%; 3-N = 6%; 4-N = 9%; 5-N = 12%

Based on the planning of experiments, we tried to obtain mathematically regressive dependencies characterizing the changes in the calculated indices of the sulfate and chloride-sulphate (SCS) and chloride and sulphate-chloride (CSC) soils, depending on: compaction factor X1-Kyn; the estimated humidity X2-Wpac and the degree of salinity of X3-N chloride:

## For sulfate and chloride-sulfate saline soils:

# **Elasticity modulus**

$$O_F^{SCS} = 9, 3 + 1, 3 \tilde{O}_1 - 8 \tilde{O}_2 - 4, 3 \tilde{O}_3 + 0, 2 \tilde{O}_1 \tilde{O}_3;$$
 (2)

## The angle of internal friction:

$$\begin{split} & \phi_{\varphi}^{scs} = \mathbf{2} \ , 375 - 0.377 \, \tilde{O}_1 - 2.124 \, \tilde{O}_2 - 4.623 \, \tilde{O}_3 - 0.376 \, \tilde{O}_1 \, \tilde{O}_2 - \left(3\right) \\ & - 1.125 \, X_1 \, X_3 + 125 \, X_1 \, X_2 \, X_3; \end{split}$$

# Specific cohesion:

$$\begin{split} &\dot{O}_{\tilde{N}}^{SCS} = 0.037 + 0.014375\,\tilde{O}_{1} - 0.011125\,\tilde{O}_{2} - 0.005125\,\tilde{O}_{3} + \\ &+ 0.000375\,\tilde{O}_{1}\,\tilde{O}_{2} + 0.000375X_{1}X_{3} + 0.000375X_{2}X_{3} + \\ &+ 0.000375X_{1}X_{2}X_{3}; \end{split} \tag{4}$$

#### For chloride and sulfate chloride saline soils:

#### **Elasticity modulus:**

$$O_{\hat{A}}^{csc} = 9 + 0,5\tilde{O}_1 - 6,5\tilde{O}_2 - 5\tilde{O}_3;$$
 (5)

# The angle of internal friction:

$$\dot{O}_{\varphi}^{\text{csc}} = \mathbf{1},075 - 1,312\,\tilde{O}_1 - 2,\mathbf{1}\,\tilde{O}_2 - 5,\mathbf{3}\,\tilde{O}_3\tilde{O}_2 - \\
-2,125\,X_1X_3 + 1,2\,X_1X_2X_3.$$
(6)

## Specific cohesion:

$$\dot{O}_{\tilde{n}}^{\text{CSC}} = 0.047 + 0.014 \,\tilde{O}_1 - 0.0115 \,\tilde{O}_2 - 0.0055 \,\tilde{O}_3; \tag{7}$$

Studies have been carried out to identify the estimated indices of artificial saline soils stabilized by "Bitumen emulsion" under laboratory conditions, and in field conditions in the Fergana region on the 4P - 126 road "Balikchi k, Mingbulok k, Naiman k, Pungon k" (Figure 5). Maslov-Lurie lever device and single-plane shear have been used in soil testing.

From the research results shown in Table 2, it was found that with a compaction ratio for stabilized soil, the elasticity modulus

increases up to 89 MPa, that is, it increases by 12%; the cohesion force - up to 0,054 MPa, that is increases by 15%; angle of internal friction -by 29 degrees, that is, increases by about 10%. According

to the results of field tests, we can recommend the compaction ratio  $\text{Ky}\pi$  of soil for road embankments, achieved by the existing compacting machines acting along the height, (Table 3-5).





**Figure 5:** On the highway 4P - 126 4P - 126 road "Balikchi k. - Mingbulok k. - Naiman k. - Pungon k." Used single-plane slice used for testing soils.

Table 2: Estimated values of artificially salted pulverescent light sandy loams stabilized and unstabilized by "Bitumen emulsion".

Compaction ratio $K_{yn}$	Estimated indices of soil						
	Unstabilized			Stabilized			
	E, MPa	φ, degree	С, МРа	E, MPa	φ, degree	С, МРа	
0,96	56	26	0,024	65	29	0,030	
0,98	65	26	0,034	75	29	0,041	
1,00	78	26	0,045	89	29	0,054	

Table 3: Recommended compaction ratio of a working layer of saline soil.

Depth of layer location (from coating), m	Layer thickness, m	Compaction ratio $K_{_{y_{II}}}$	
$H_{_{ m AO}}$ +0,4	0,40	1,02+ Bitumen emulsion	
(H <sub>no</sub> +0,4)÷1,0	0,60	1,00	
(H <sub>no</sub> +1,0)÷1,5	0,50	0,98	
Natural base	0,30	0,98+ Bitumen emulsion	

**Table 4:** Average values of humidity.

	Average Values of Soil Humidity				
m cv m cv	Relative to $W_{_{ m TEK}}$				
Type of Location in Terms of Humidity	Light and Heavy	Pulverescent Clay Sand and Heavy Pulverescent Sandy			
	Sandy Loam	Loam			
1	0,69	0,68			
2	0,76	0,74			
3	0,83	0,80			

Table 5: Degree of soil salinity.

Soils	The amount of easily soluble salts in relation to the mass of dry soil, %				
30113	Chloride- and Sulphate- Chloride Salinity	Sulfate- and Chloride-Sulphate Salinity			
Slightly saline,	0,8-3	0,8-1,5			
Moderately saline,	3-6	1,5-4			
Heavily saline	6-11	4-10			
Excessively saline	>11	>10			

Under field conditions, the modulus of elasticity of saline soils is determined using a lever press. Indices of the angle of internal friction  $\phi$  and cohesion force C of saline soil samples taken from experimental site and existing roads have been determined using a device of a single-plane rotatory shear. The calculated indices

of saline soils determined in field and laboratory conditions are summarized and given in Tables 6-8 for sulphate- and chloride-sulphate salinity, and chloride-and sulphate-chloride salinity ( $Ky\pi = 0.98$ ), respectively.

Table 6: Estimated characteristics of sulphate- and chloride-sulphate saline soils.

Compaction Coefficient,	Degree of Salin-	Soil Character-	Estimated Indices				
$_{{\sf ky}}^{\Pi}$	ity, %	istic	0,60	0,70	0,80	0,90	
	0	E, /C, MPa	71/0,056	55/0,045	44/0,038	38/0,033	
		φ, degree	26	24	23	22	
	3	E, /C, MPa	69/0,054	53/0,043	42/0,036	36/0,031	
0,98		φ, degree	24	22	21	20	
	6	Е, /С, РПа	67/0,051	51/0,040	40/0,033	34/0,028	
		φ, degree	22	20	19	18	
	9	E, /C, MPa	64/0,048	48 / 0,037	37/0,030	31/0,025	
		φ, degree	20	18	17	16	
	12	E, /C, MPa	61/0,045	45/0,034	24/0,027	28/0,022	
		φ, degree	14	12	11	10	

Table 7: Estimated characteristics of chloride and sulphate-chloride saline soils.

Compaction Coefficient , $_{\rm Ky}\Pi$	Degree of Salinity,	Soil Characteristic	Estimated Indices			
			0,60	0,70	0,80	0,90
	0	Е, /С, МПа	74/0,046	56/0,035	44/0,028	38/0.023
	U	ф, град	29	26	25	24
	3	Е, /С, МПа	72/0,044	54/0,033	42/0,026	36/0,021
	3	φ, град	27	24	23	38/0,023
0,98	6	Е, /С, МПа	70/0,041	52/0,030	40'0,02.	34/0,018
		φ, град	25	22	21	20
	9	Е, /С, МПа	67/0,038 22	49/0,027	37/0,021	
	,	ф, град	22	19	18	17
	12	Е, /С, МПа	64/0,035	46/0,024	34/0,017	
	12	φ, град	20	17	16	15

<u>50</u>

25

0.7

0,7

300

 $\Delta E_{_{W}}$ , MPa  $\Delta E_{_{_{3}}}$ , MPa  $\Delta C_{_{_{3}}}$ , MPa  $\Delta C_{_{_{3}}}$ , MPa  $\Delta C_{_{_{3}}}$ ,  $\Delta \phi_{_{_{W}}}$  degree  $\Delta \phi_{_{_{N}}}$  degree  $\Delta \phi_{_{_{N}}}$  degree

0,0009

0,0012

0,15

0.325

Table 8: Coefficients taking into account the humidity, degree of salinity and soil compaction.

178,57

357.14

**Note:** numerator - sulphate- and chloride-sulphate saline soils; denominator - chloride- and sulphate-chlorid saline soils.

0,0238

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To calculate the thickness of the pavement in field or laboratory conditions, the estimated humidity, the compaction ratio, the type of salinity is determined, and then using formulas (2) and (7) E is calculated. However, it is inconvenient to use these formulas, since E is given for discrete values (N = 0, 3, 6, 9, and 12), the compaction coefficient (Kyn = 0.94; 0.96; 0.98; 1.00 and 1.02); the estimated humidity (Wpac = 0.60; 0.70; 0.80 and 0.90WTer). In design practice, intermediate values are often used. Therefore, to accurately determine the dependence of E, C,  $\phi$  on other indices, we managed to develop an analytical expression for saline soils.

$$A_{\tilde{n}\tilde{o}\tilde{n}} = \Delta \hat{A}_{W}(W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 1, 9 \cdot W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}} + 0, \mathbf{8}) - \Delta \hat{A}_{N}(N^{2} + 2 \cdot N + 1.0) + \Delta \hat{A}_{\zeta}(\hat{E}_{\tilde{b}}^{2} - 0, \mathbf{3} \cdot \hat{E}_{\zeta} - 0, \mathbf{6})$$

$$A_{\tilde{o}\tilde{n}\tilde{o}} = \Delta \hat{A}_{W}(W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 1, 9 \cdot W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}} + 0, \mathbf{8}) - \Delta \hat{A}_{N}(N^{2} + 2 \cdot N + 1.0) + \Delta \hat{A}_{\zeta}(\hat{E}_{\tilde{b}}^{2} - 0, \mathbf{2} \cdot \hat{E}_{\zeta} - 0, \mathbf{6})$$

$$(8)$$

$$C_{\tilde{n}\tilde{o}\tilde{n}} = \Delta \tilde{N}_{W} (W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{d}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 1, \mathbf{9} \cdot W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{d}\tilde{n}} + 1, \mathbf{0} \cdot ) - \Delta C_{N} (N + 0, \mathbf{2} \cdot ) + \Delta C_{C} (\hat{E}_{\tilde{o}}^{2} - 1, 8872 \cdot \hat{E}_{C} + 0, 890)$$

$$C_{\tilde{o}\tilde{n}\tilde{o}} = \Delta \tilde{N}_{W} (W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{d}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 1, \mathbf{0} \cdot W_{\tilde{o}\tilde{d}\tilde{n}} + 0, \mathbf{8} \cdot ) - \Delta \tilde{N}_{N} (N + 0, \mathbf{3} \cdot ) + \Delta \tilde{N}_{C} (\hat{E}_{\tilde{o}}^{2} - 1, 8872 \cdot \hat{E}_{C} + 0, 890)$$

$$\varphi_{\tilde{n}\tilde{o}\tilde{n}} = \Delta \varphi_{W} \left( W_{\tilde{\partial}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 1, \mathbf{8} \cdot W_{\tilde{\partial}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}} + 1, \mathbf{3} \right) - \Delta \varphi_{N} \cdot N$$

$$\varphi_{\tilde{o}\tilde{n}\tilde{o}} = \Delta \varphi_{W} \left( W_{\tilde{\partial}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}}^{2} - 2, \mathbf{0} \cdot W_{\tilde{\partial}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}} + 1, \mathbf{9} \right) - \Delta \varphi_{N} \cdot N$$

$$(10)$$

Where:  $\Delta E$  W,  $\Delta$  EN,  $\Delta E$ 3,  $\Delta C$ W,  $\Delta C$ N,  $\Delta C$ 3,  $\Delta \phi$ W and  $\Delta \phi$ N - due to coefficient taking into account humidity, the stage of salinity, coefficient of soil packing, values which are given in Table 8.

To determine the degree of accuracy (reliability) of the expressions (8-10) obtained, the variances of inadequacy and "Reproducibility" have been defined. The correlation coefficient for the above cases is R = 0.97. This means that the derived formulas sufficiently well reflect the ongoing processes. Thus, the type of salinity and the amount of salt in soils affect the estimated values of the modulus of elasticity E, cohesion force C and the angle of internal friction  $\phi$  of the subgrade soil. Their values can be determined by formulas (8-10) depending on the quantity and quality of salinity.

## Conclusion

A. To predict the design characteristics of road embankments built of saline soils a design solution - a scheme of the working layer wetted by capillary water is proposed. This allows one to obtain functional dependencies for setting the estimated characteristics of the working layer of the subgrade during its design.

B. Design characteristics of the working layer of the subgrade of the existing roads are determined and differentiated according to the quantity and quality of salts, the density and humidity of saline soil. This allows one to create optimal pavement designs.

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- C. In the field conditions, to determine the strength of compacted soils, the existing single -plane portable devices have been improved and tested in actual conditions. This allows one to quickly determine the strength characteristics of saline soils.
- D. As a result of the study, some changes in the indices of saline soils have been introduced to existing regulatory documents. These changes allow a 15% increase in the use of highly saline soils considered unsuitable for road construction.

To improve the physicochemical and physicomechanical properties of saline soils, a "bitumen emulsion" surfactant has been developed; in the "Saline Soil+Bitumen Emulsion" system, the designs of road embankments built of saline soils have been proposed. This allows increasing the strength and stability, reducing the height of the embankment and increasing the service life of the roadbed.

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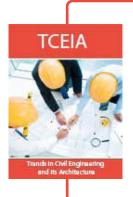
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