

Importance of the Forth Road Bridges

For Vehicles

- **4 Million** vehicles in 1964
- **25 Million** vehicles in 2017
- **860 Million** vehicles since opening
- 70 Million HGVs since opening

For People

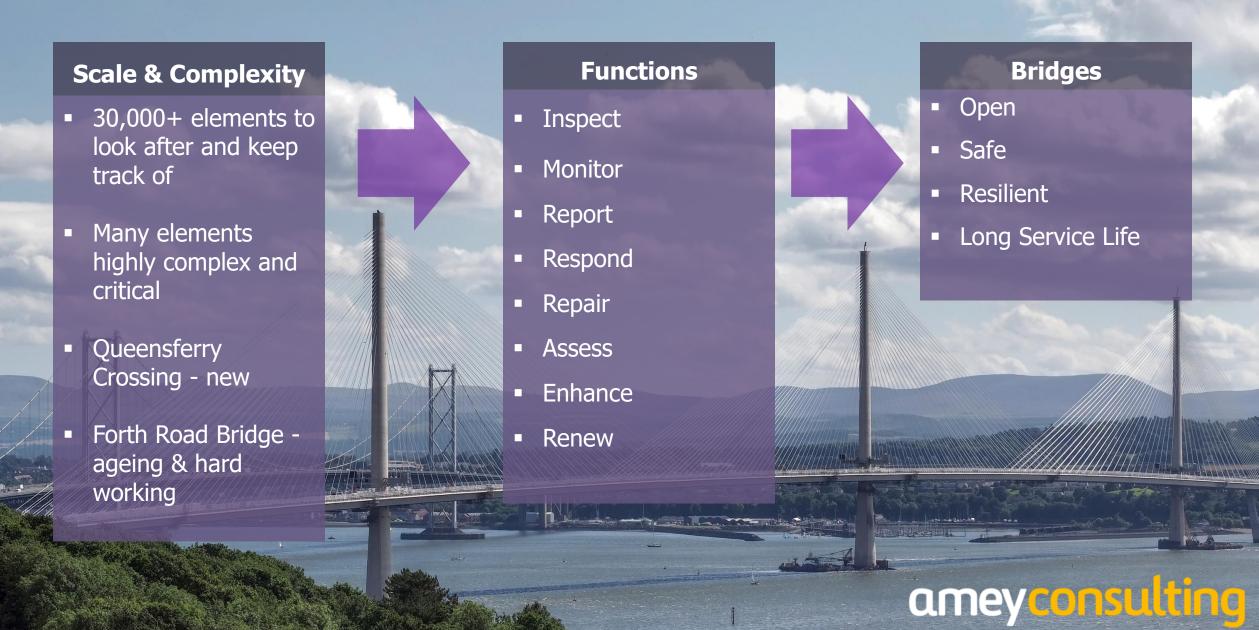
- 100,000 people a day use bridges to get to work or to go about their business
- **1.2 Billion** people used bridges since opening
- **Resilience** from 2 Bridge Strategy

For the Economy

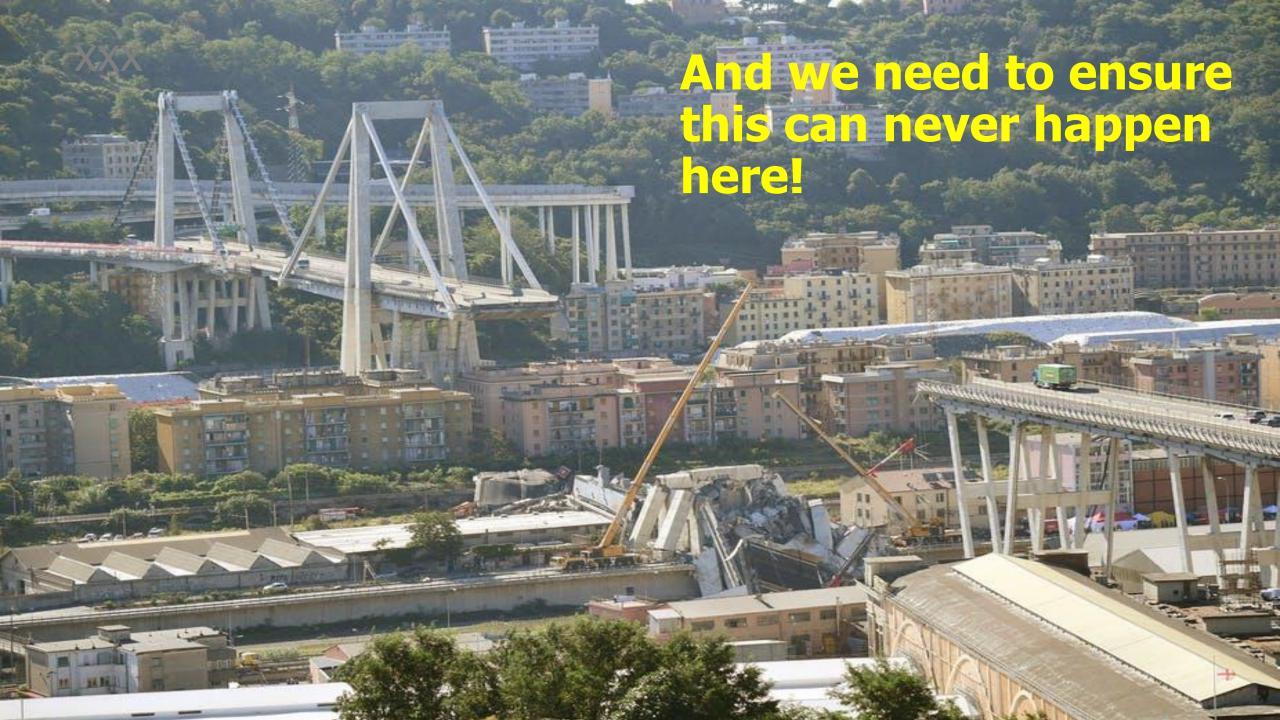
- £1 Million a day contributed to the Scottish Economy
- Over £10 Billion since opening

A Critical Piece of National Infrastructure

A Large and Complex Group of Assets









Digitally Enabled Smart Asset Management

Collect Data

- Collect appropriate data via multiple streams
- Automatic collection by remote sensors
- Effects on bridge wind, vehicles, temperature etc
- Response of bridge
- Bridge condition inspectors with digital capability

Build Understanding

- Ingest & Analyse multiple big data sets
- Harness full power of cloud computing
- Integrate, analyse, visualise
- Investigate correlations
- Evaluate historic patterns, trends, events
- Understand relationships & behaviours

Monitor & Predict

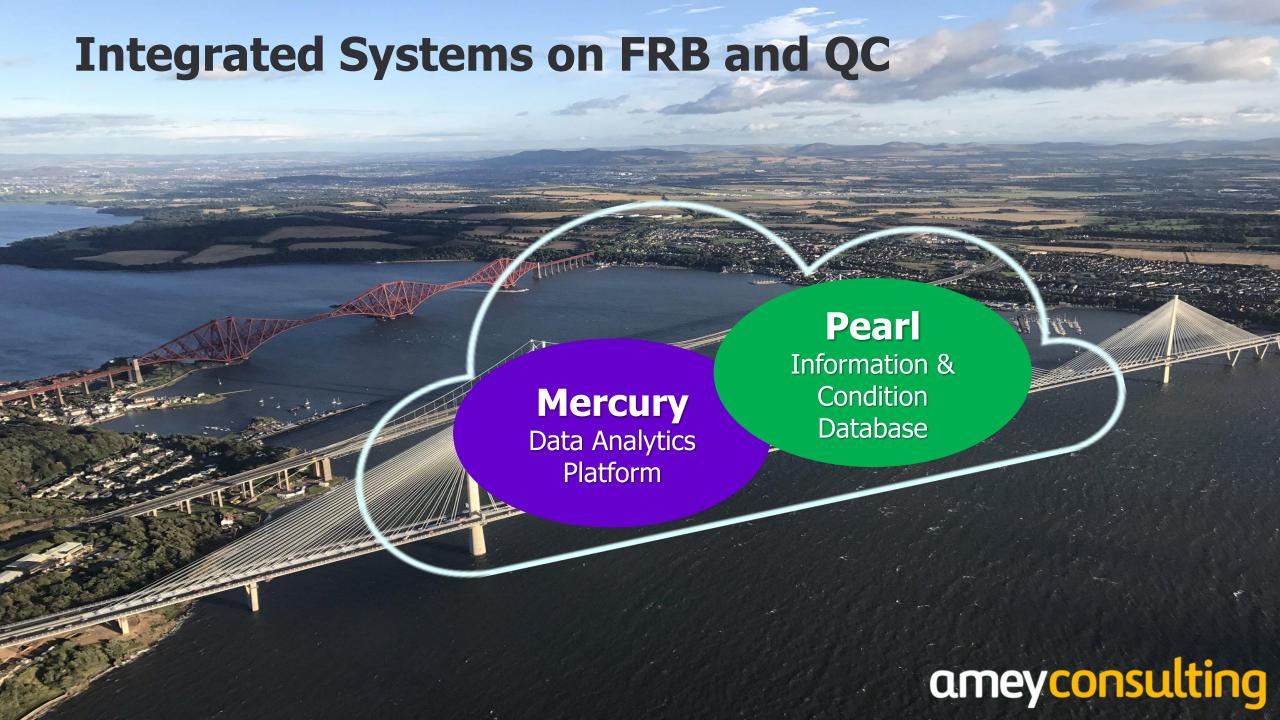
- Real time monitoring
- Harness power of Machine learning
- Prediction of future behaviour
- Automated predict, review, feedback, refine – build body of learning
- Automated alerts
- Trigger levels/alarms defined, refined, "learned"
- Automated reports

Decide

- Confirm safety
- Respond to alerts
- Defect repair & prioritisation
- Budget definition

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Integrated Systems on FRB and QC

SHM IoT sensor data Condition data Structural effects & capacities

Data Analytics Platform – "Mercury"

- Cloud based SENSOR AGNOSTIC analytics platform which ingests and compiles remote sensor and maintenance record DATA from MULTIPLE SOURCES
- Uses machine learning algorithms to understand bridge behavior and actively monitors and reports on sensor and condition data
- Interprets data to provide rich custom visualisations of bridge behavior, intelligent alerts and lifecycle records
- Intelligent alarms are specified (or even "learnt" from the data) to send SMS and email alerts, or notifications to other systems
- Other data sources, such as analysis and modelling outputs can be included to provide a rich, integrated picture of the bridge

- Automated monitoring & reporting
- On demand analytics & visualisation
- Intelligent alerts

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Integrated Systems on FRB and QC



Bridge Information & Condition Database — "Pear!"

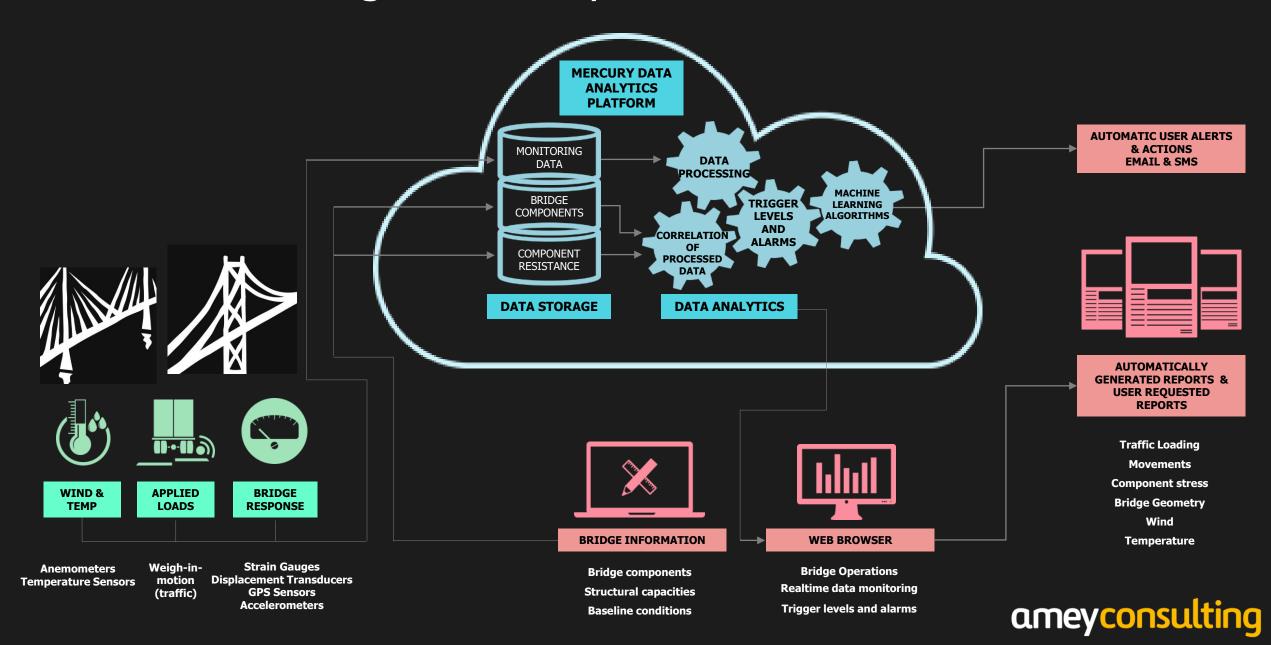
- Cloud storage of all records and data relating to each of 30,000 elements.
 Batch upload of records based on Metadata
- Management of inspection programmes, Outlook calendar style scheduling
- Recording of type and severity of all identified element defects
- Automatic inspection report generation including online approvals
- Automated update of bridge condition indices from inspection findings
- Document management module for storage of archive files & project records
- Full description of the structure and key components, including maintenance/project history

- Automated inspection reporting
- Bridge condition reporting
- Maintenance budgeting

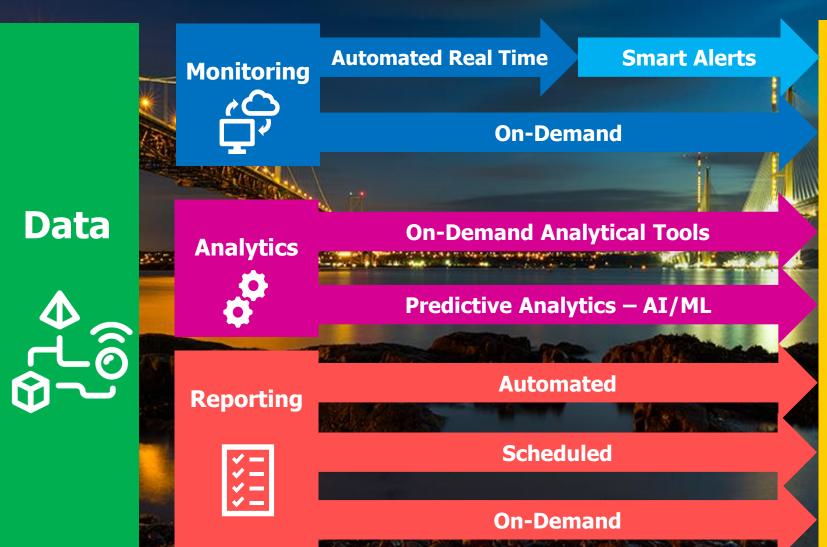
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Forth Road Bridges Smart System



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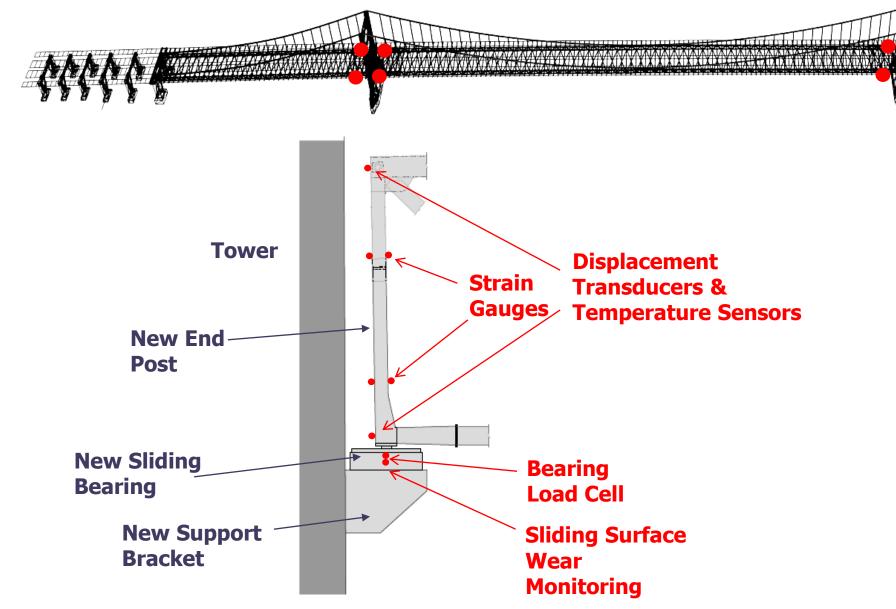


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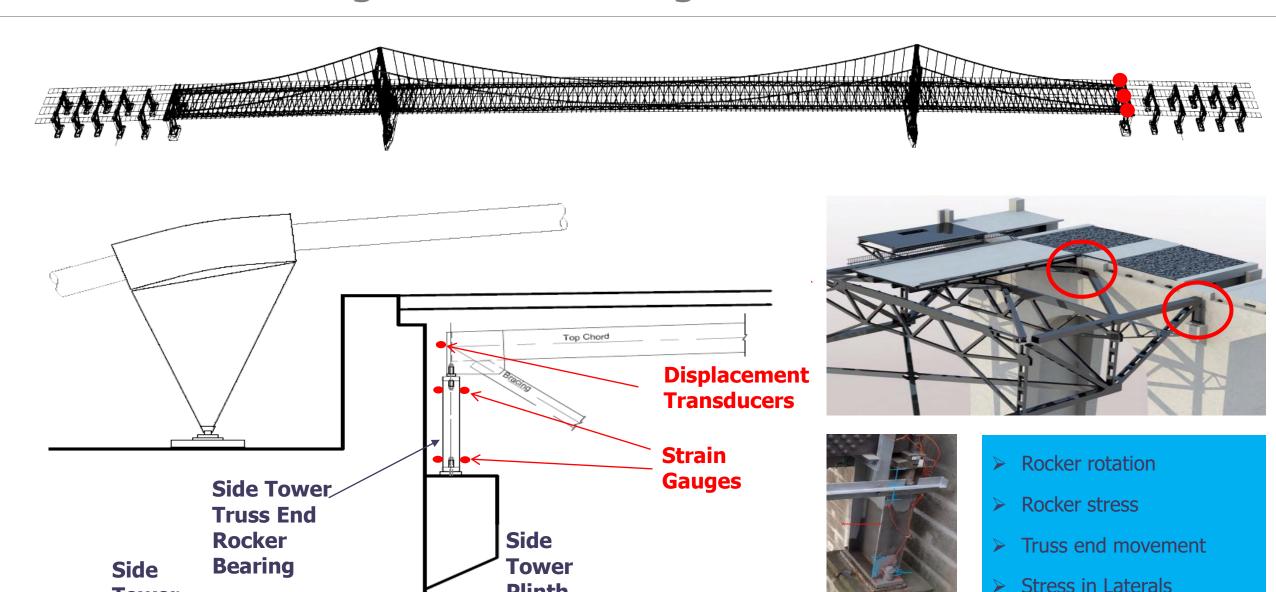
Forth Road Bridge SHM – Arrangement at New Truss Ends





- End post stress
- Bearing load
- Bearing wear
- Truss end movement

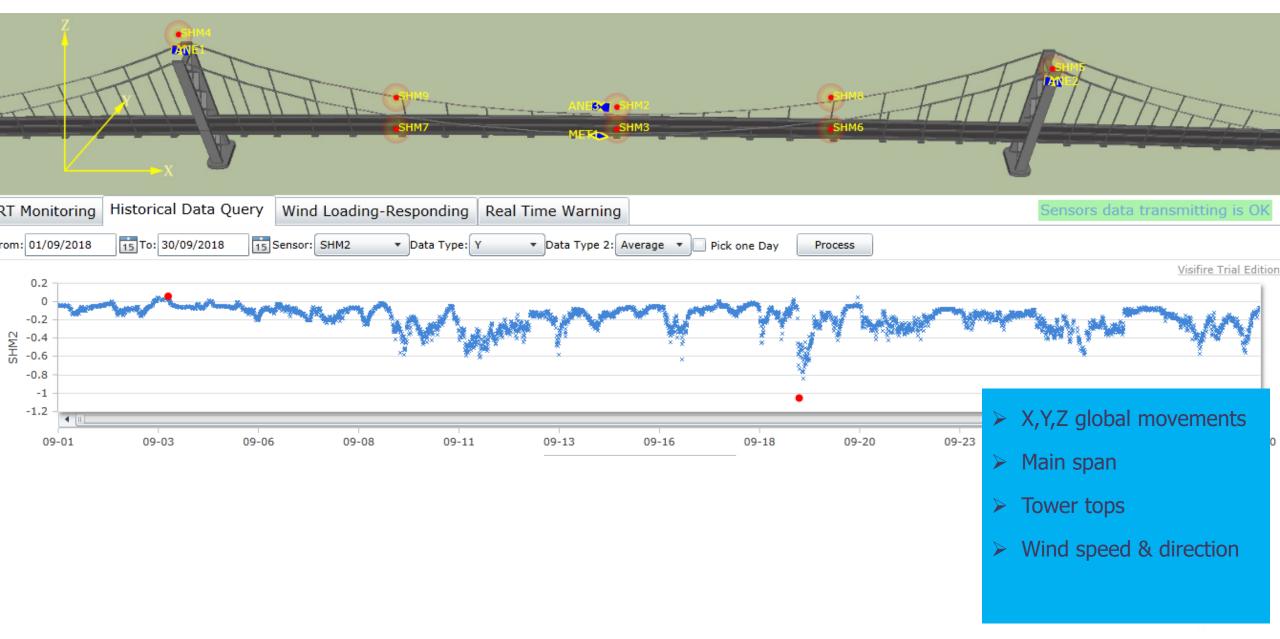
Forth Road Bridge SHM – Arrangement at Side Towers



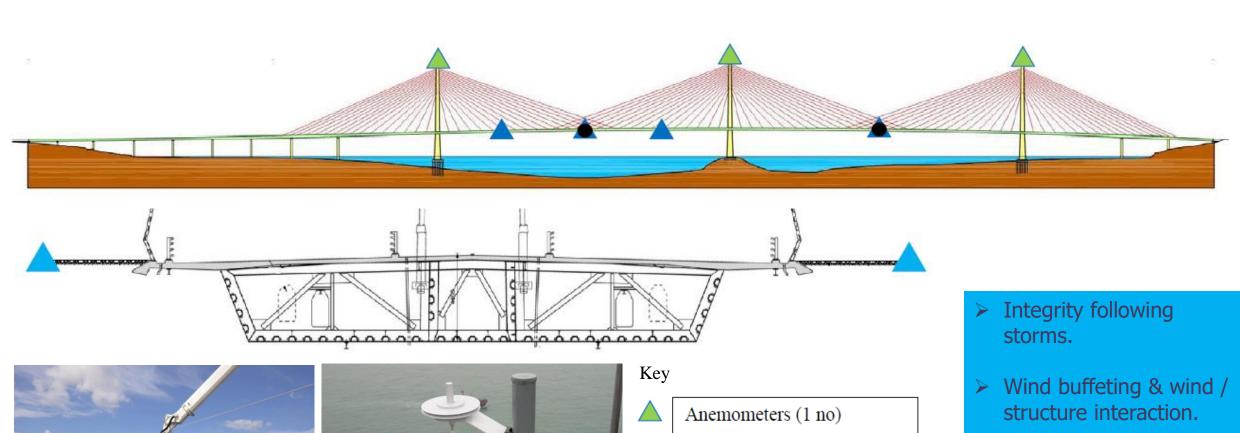
Plinth

Tower

FRB Road Bridge SHM – GPS Displacements & Wind



Queensferry Crossing SHM – Wind and Weather Sensors





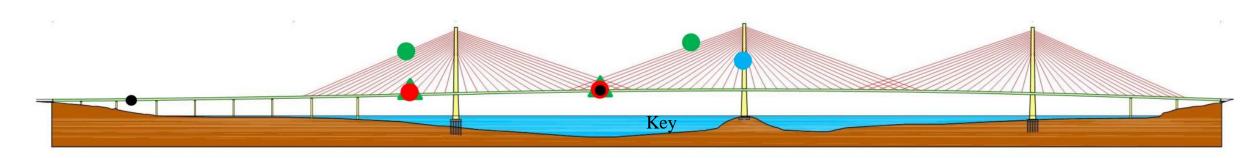


Anemometers (2no)

Rainfall gauge and barometer

- High wind vehicle management
- Impact of climate change

Queensferry Crossing SHM – Temperature Sensors

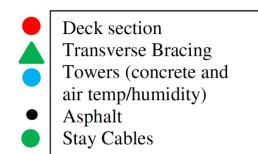








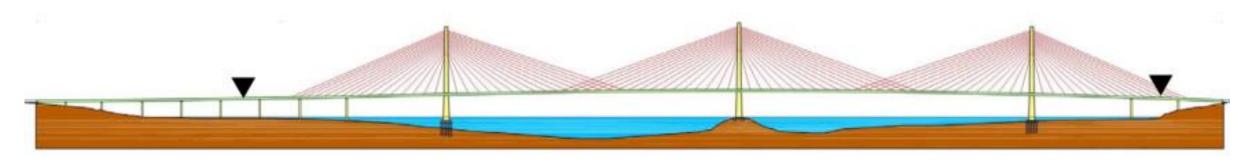






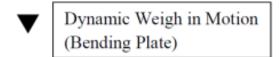
- Bridge Articulation and Geometry.
- TemperatureCompensation of Strains.
- TemperatureDistribution and InducedStresses.

Queensferry Crossing SHM – Weigh in Motion





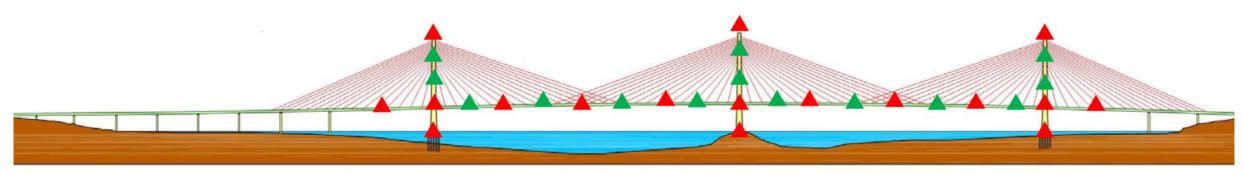
Key





- Traffic modelling and congestion.
- Trends in HGV loading.
- Two bridge managed strategy

Queensferry Crossing SHM – Accelerometers











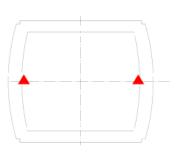
Permanent accelerometer



Accelerometer Housing (in addition each stay cable to fitted with an acceleration housing)



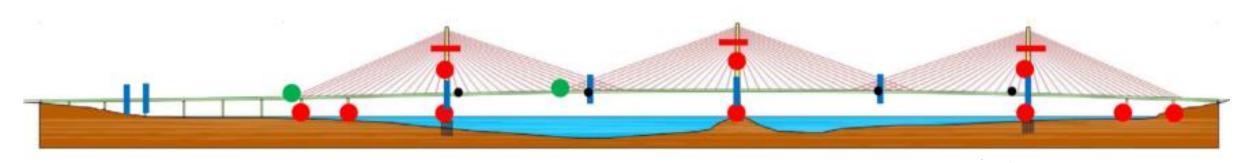




Accelerometer arrangement in towers

- Dynamic behaviour of deck, towers and cables.
- Ship impact.
- Changes in dynamic characteristics

Queensferry Crossing SHM – Strain Gauges





Dynamic Strain Gauge

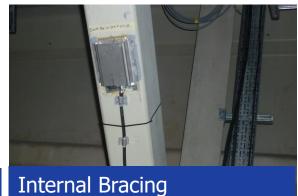




Deck Section (bottom plate)

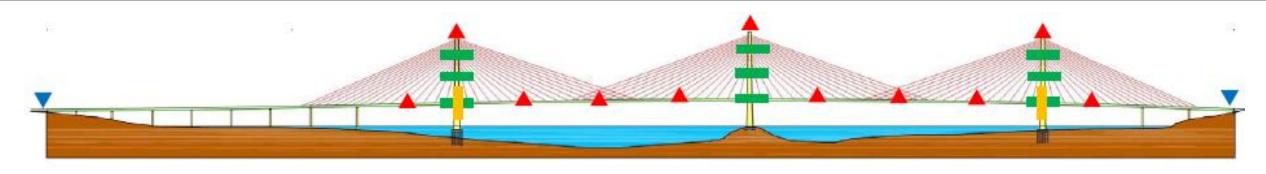
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- Static strain gauges (tower)
- Dynamic strain gauges (tower anchorage)
- Strain gauges deck anchorages
- Deck section
- Transverse bracing



- Derivation of stresses and global effects (forces & bending moments).
- Correlation of extreme events with predicted design values.
- Calibration of fatigue models

Queensferry Crossing SHM – GPS & Displacement Sensors







GPS Data Acquisition Unit



Antenna & Anti-Snow Dome



Tiltmeter

Key



2D Tiltmeter

Bearing gauge

Displacement transducer



Ultrasonic Displacement Sensor

- Bridge articulation.
- Bridge geometry and navigational clearances.
- Bridge response applied loads and extreme events.



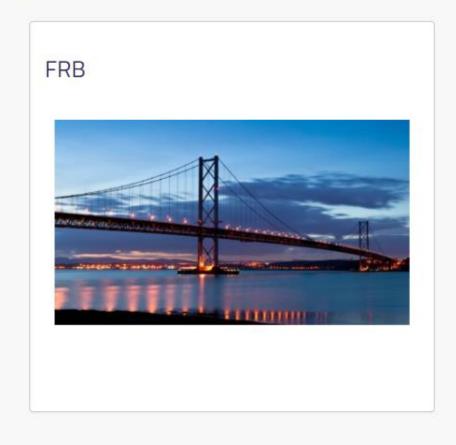
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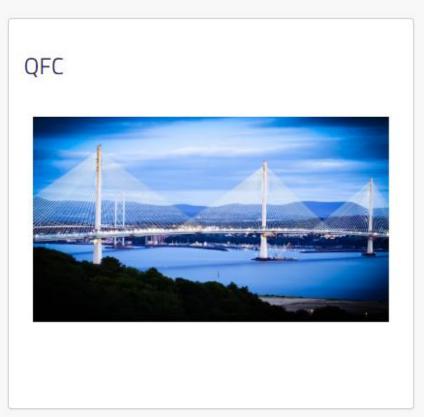




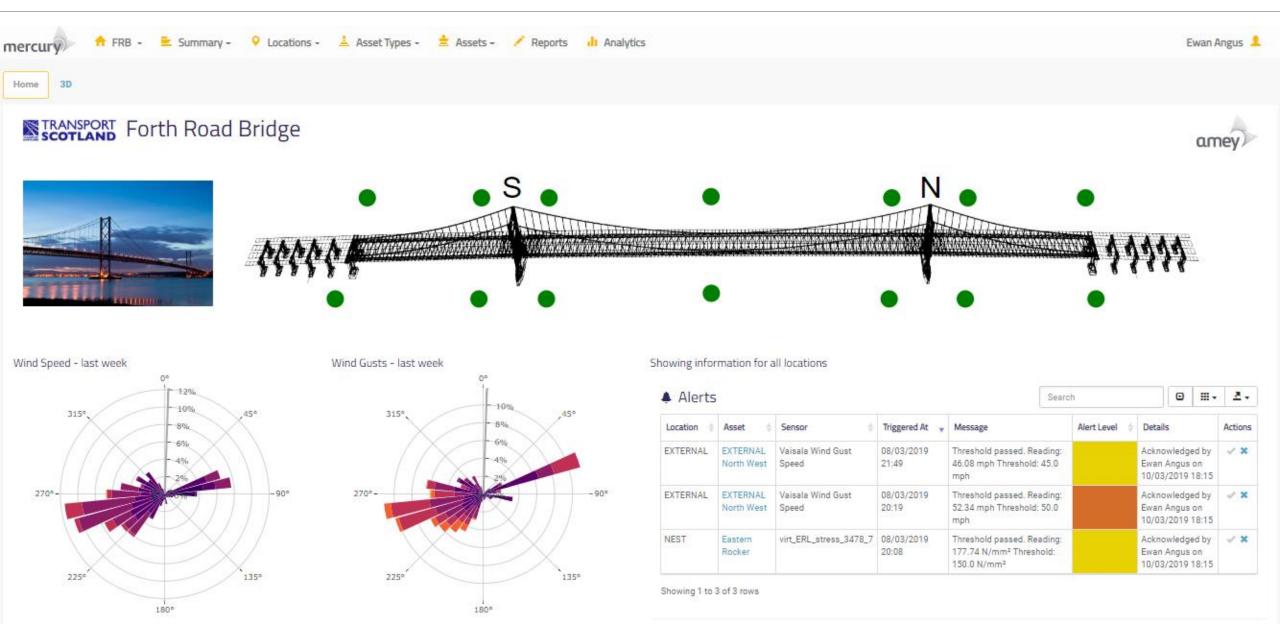
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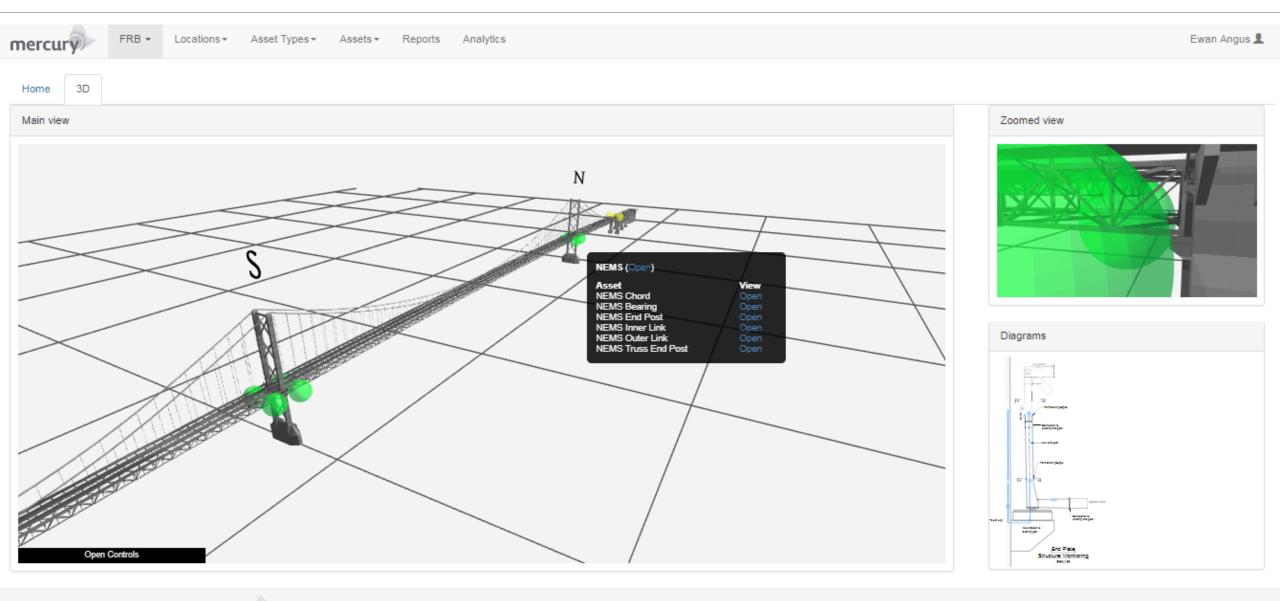


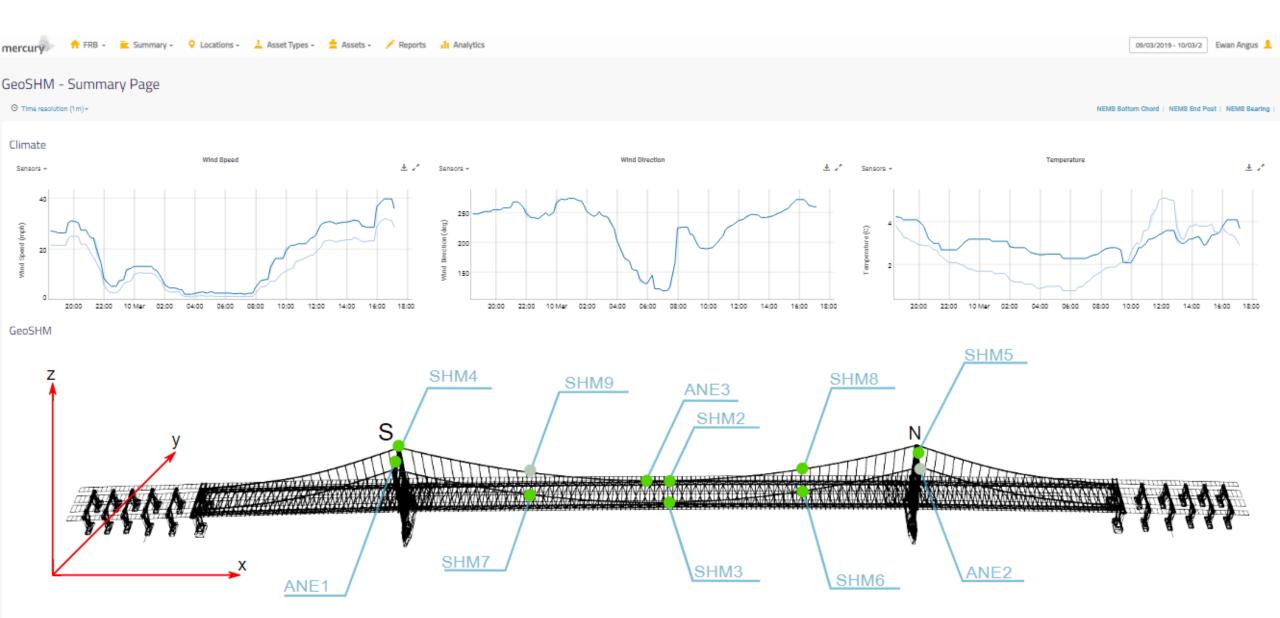


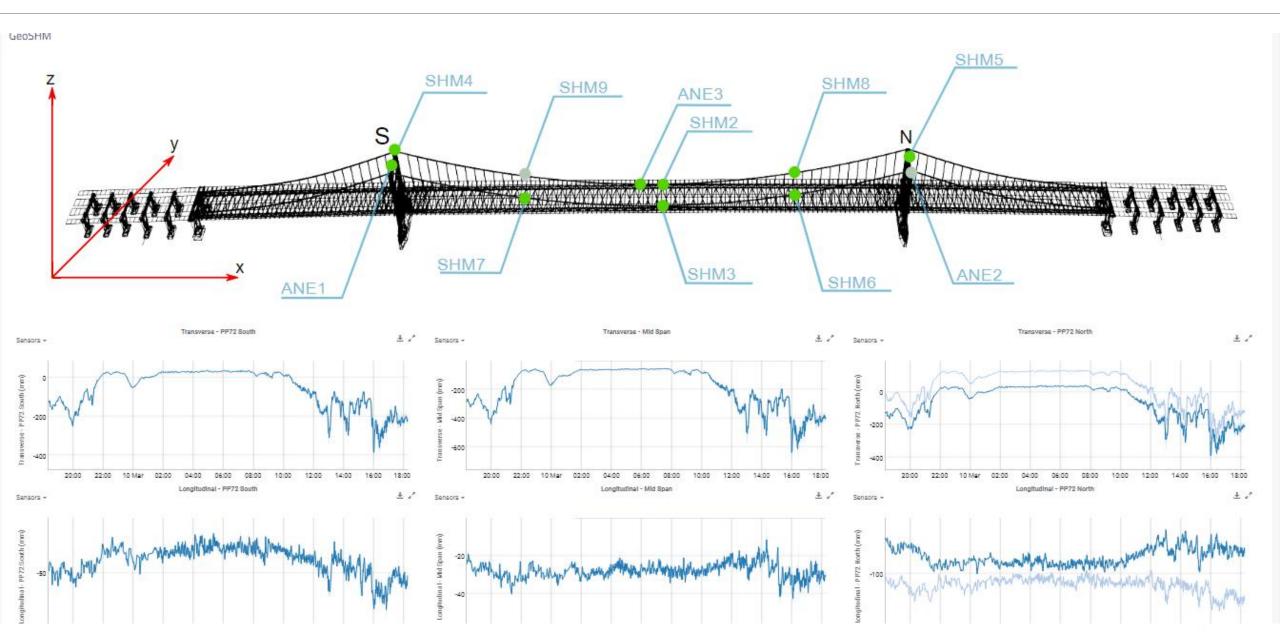
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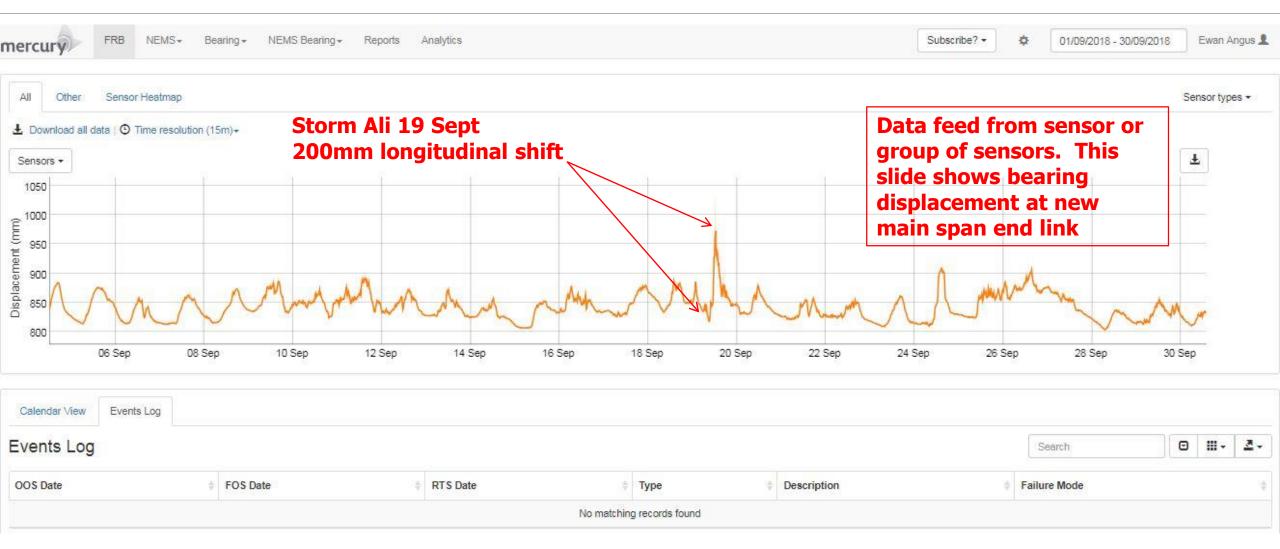


FRB Data Analytics – Mercury – 3D Entry Screen Option

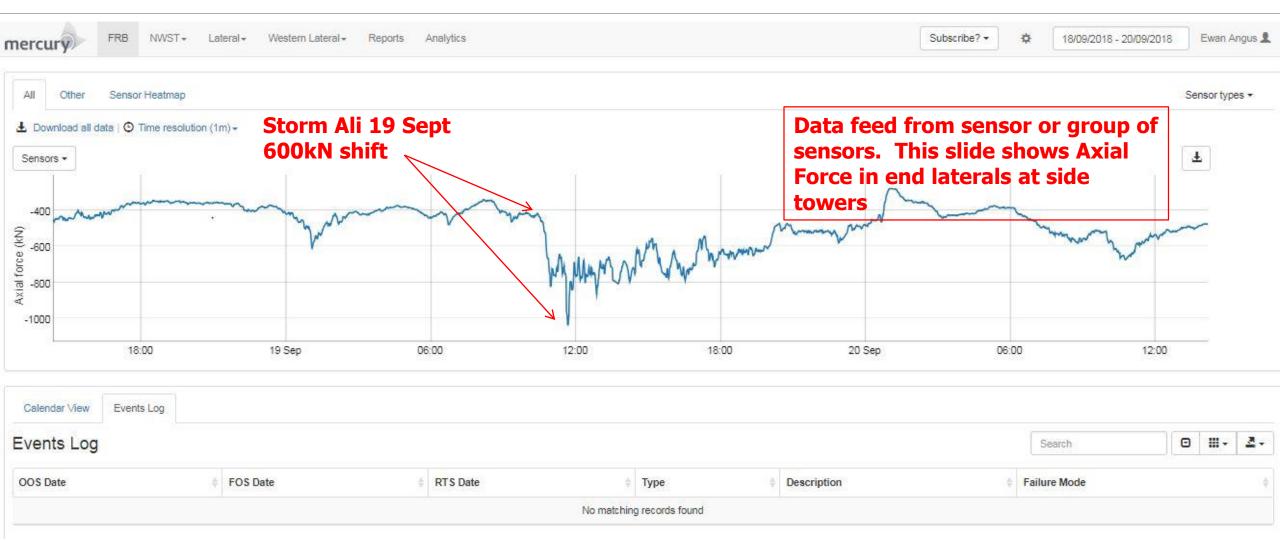




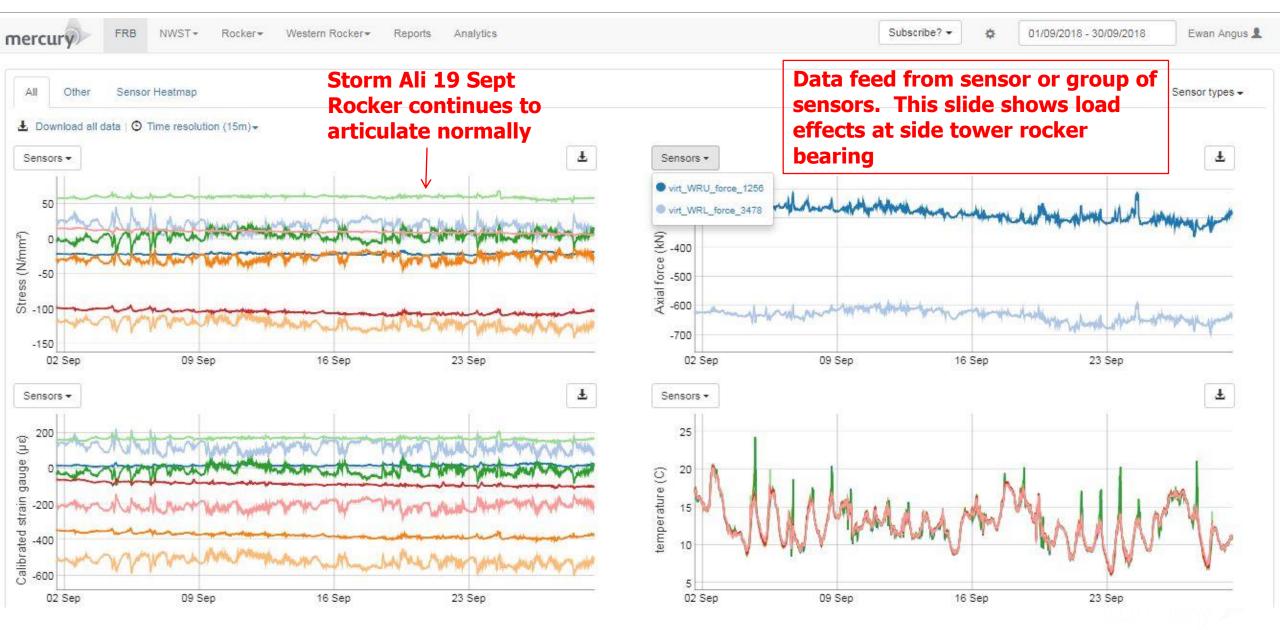




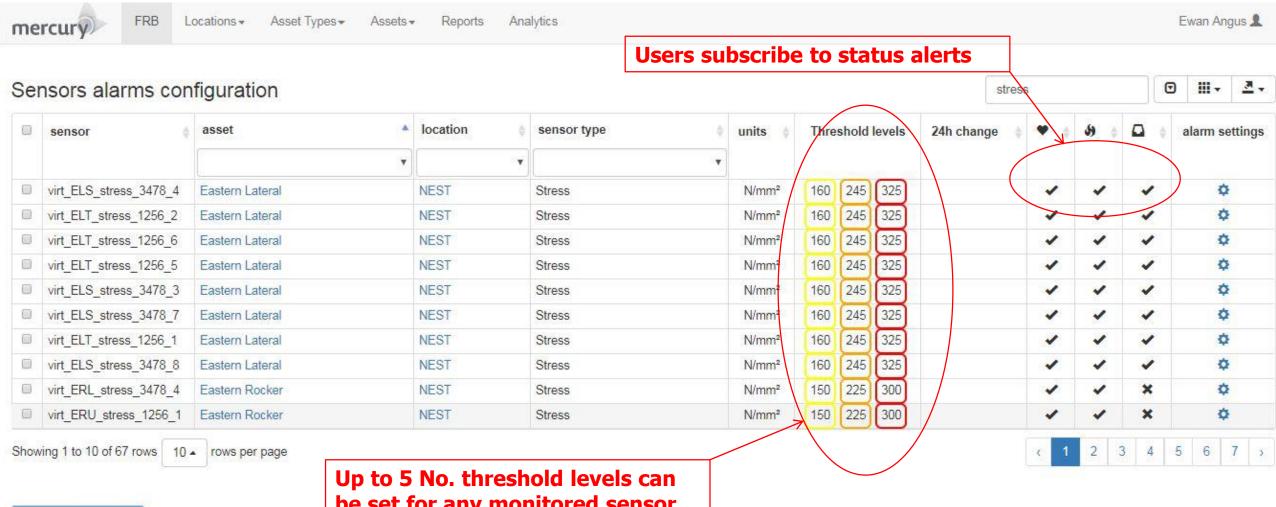








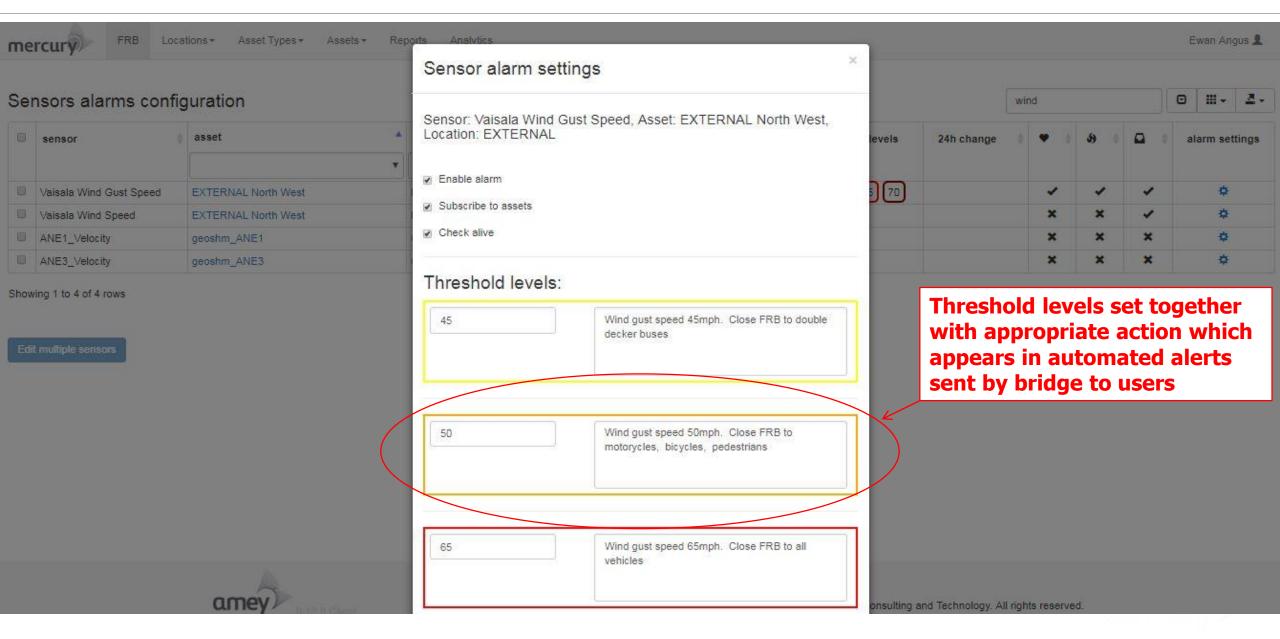
FRB Data Monitoring - Mercury - Setting Smart Alarm Levels



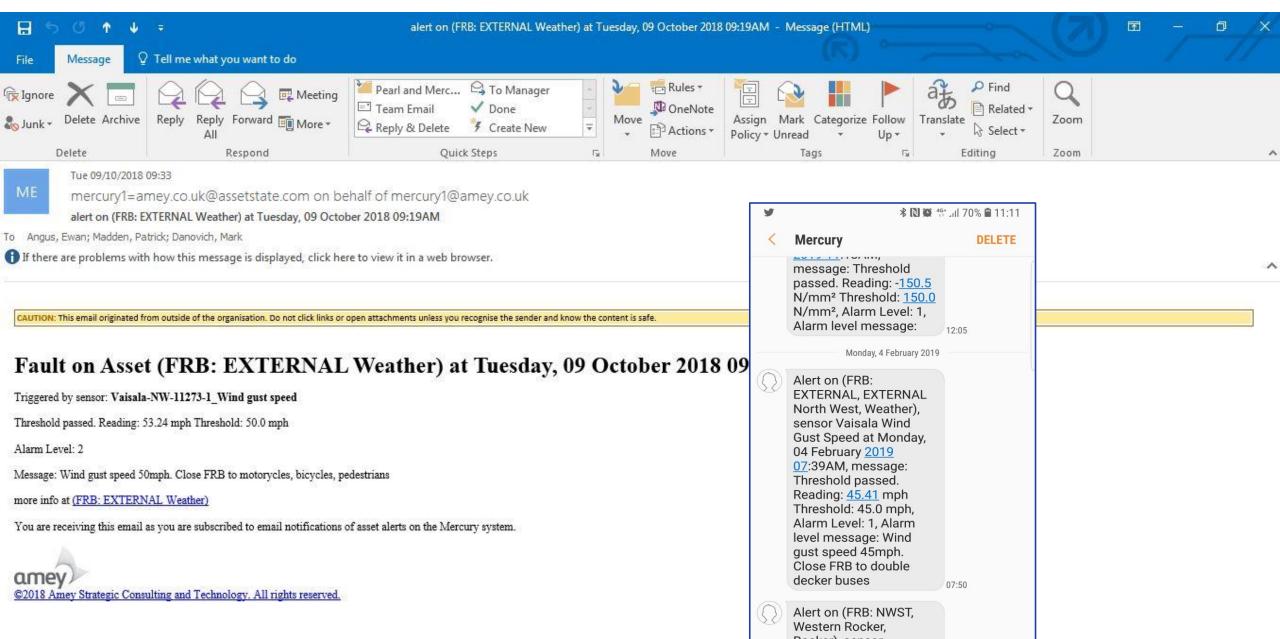
Edit multiple sensors

Up to 5 No. threshold levels can be set for any monitored sensor or group of sensors. Bridge automatically alerts users as needed – Email and SMS

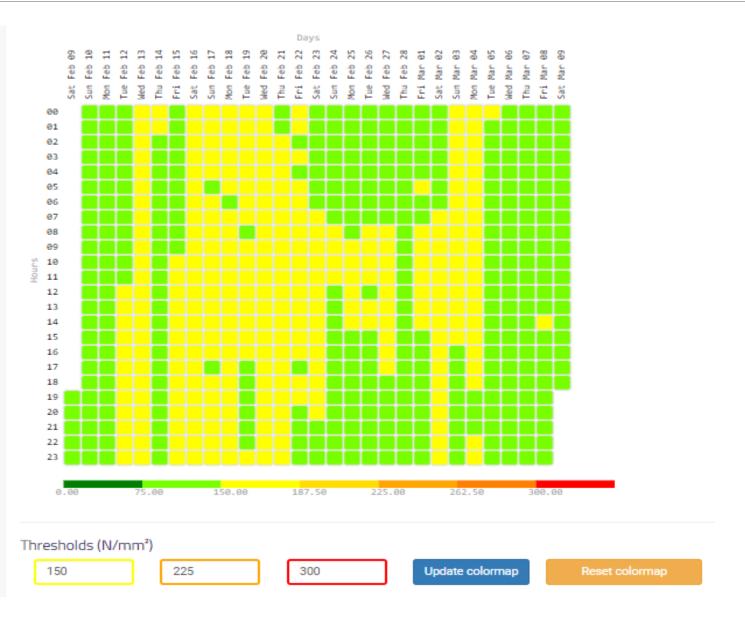
FRB Data Monitoring – Alarm Level Messages & Actions



FRB Data Monitoring – Email & SMS Alarms and Alerts



FRB Data Monitoring – Sensor Heatmaps

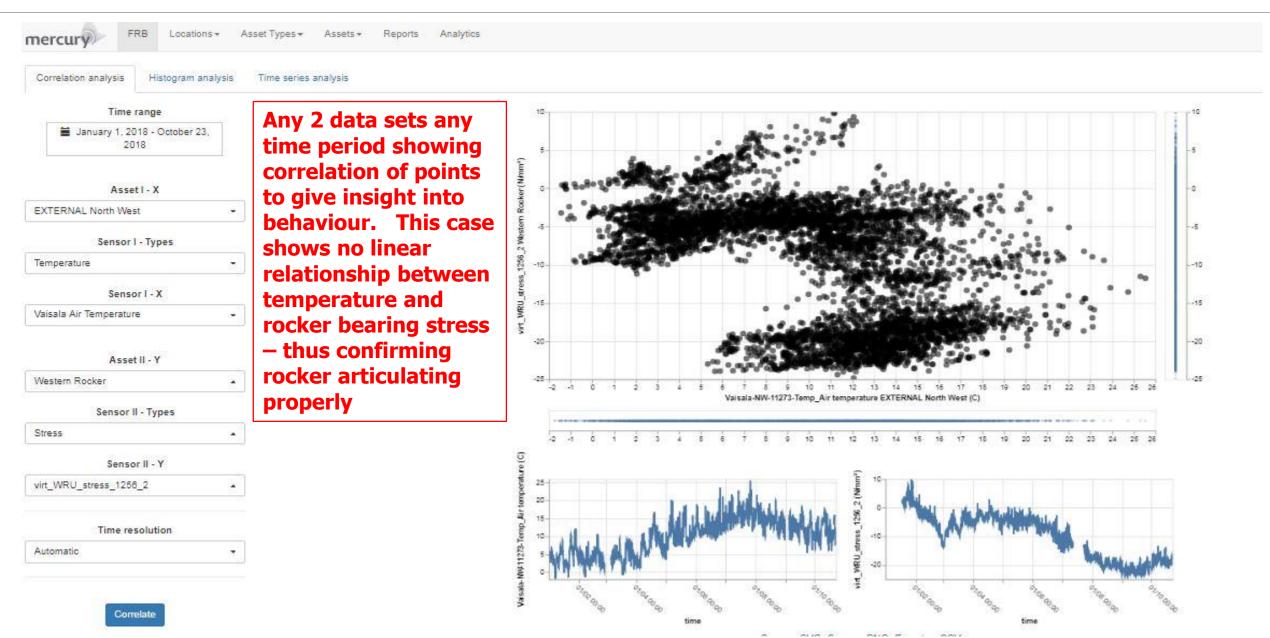


Sensor Heatmaps used to visualise recorded value compared to threshold values each hour of each day of user selected period.

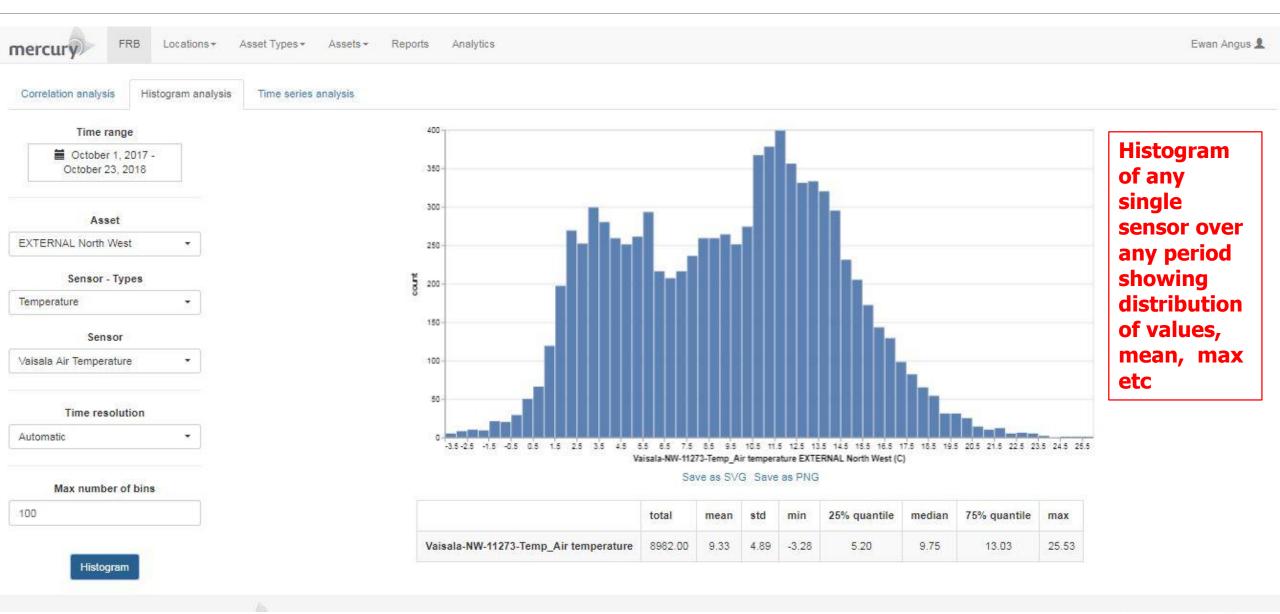




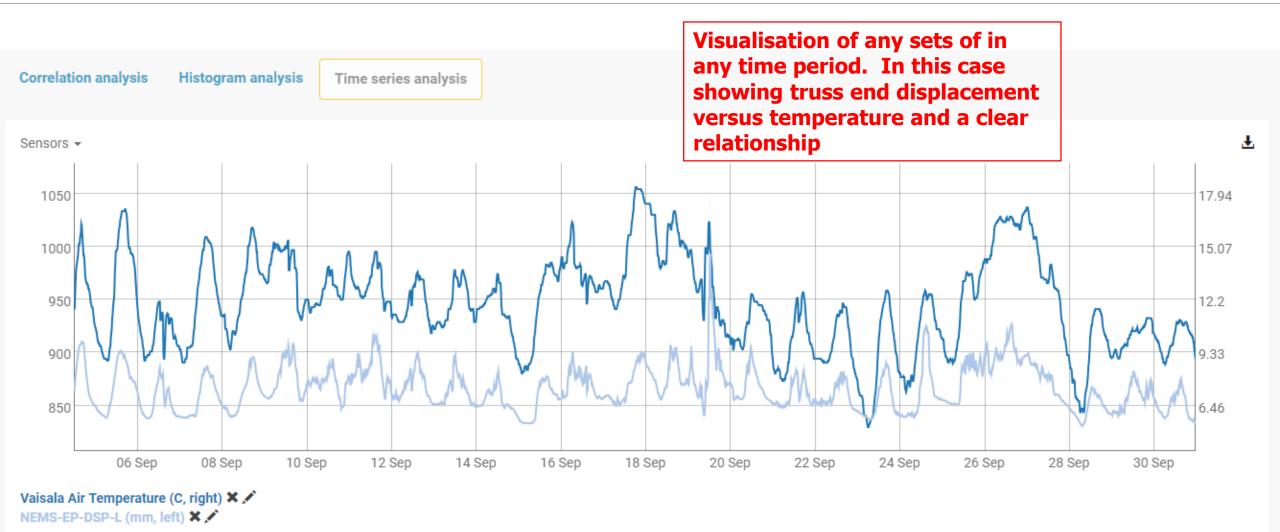
FRB Data Analytics – Correlation of Data Sets



FRB Data Analytics – Histogram of Sensor Data



FRB Data Analytics – Time Series Data Set Analysis

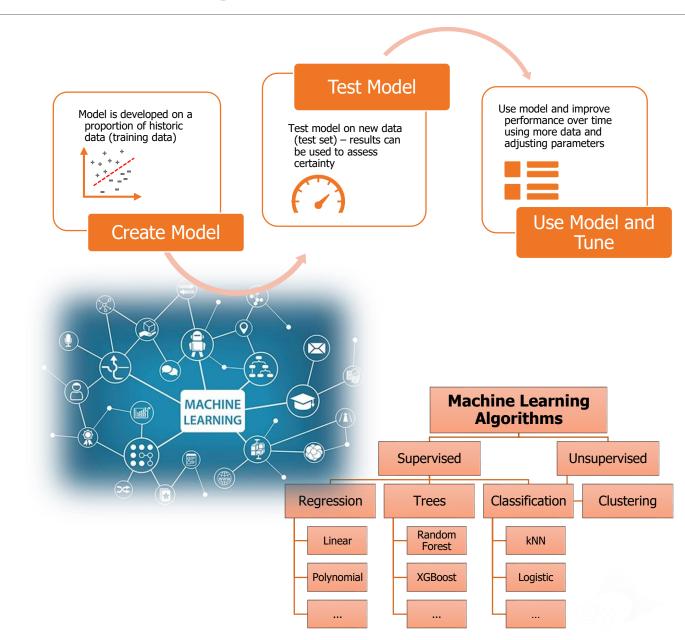






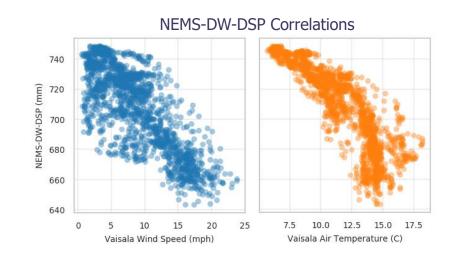
FRB Data Analytics – Machine Learning

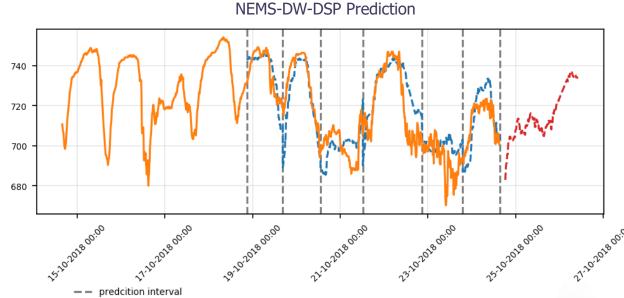
- Machine Learning includes a broad set of algorithms which infer unknowns from knowns without being explicitly programmed to do so
- Useful when relationships and correlations are hidden in large quantities of multidimensional data and the required knowledge is large
- Deployed at FRB (then QC) to predict near future bridge behaviour and identify anomalies in advance
- Useful in "What-if" scenarios for differing loading or events such as storms
- Body of "Learning" constantly increases as data/learning cycle continues – even suggesting refined alert levels



FRB Data Analytics - Machine Learning

- In Mercury one can observe strong correlations between the response of the bridge and weather conditions (wind, temperature)
- One can thus use the weather forecast to estimate future bridge response
- To predict bearing displacements we have used a combination of historic time-series data and weather forecasts with machine learning models
- The current 24-hour prediction results for 23 October are show as an example

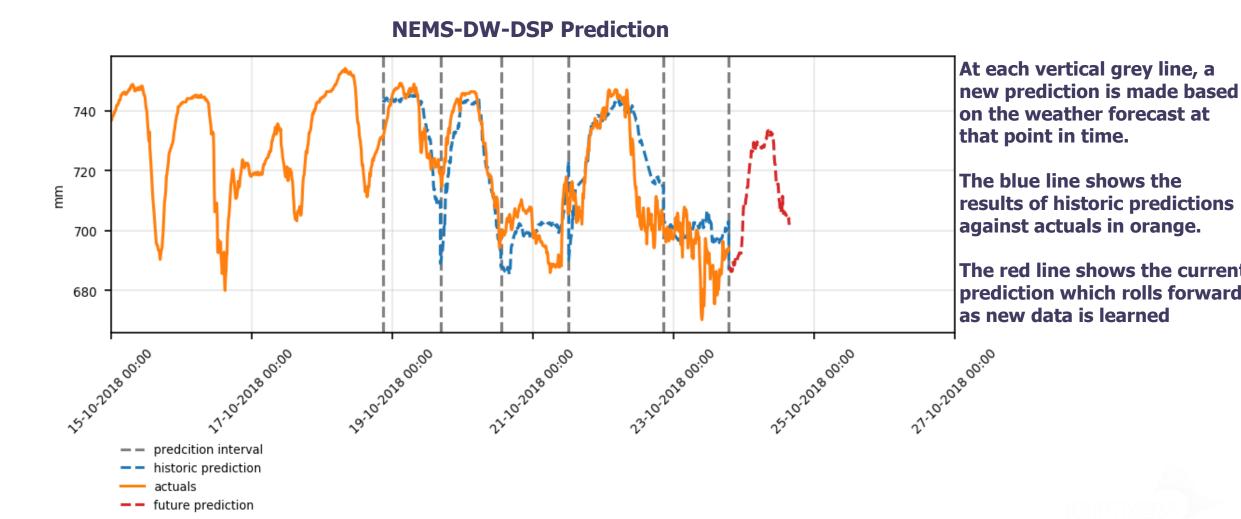




future prediction

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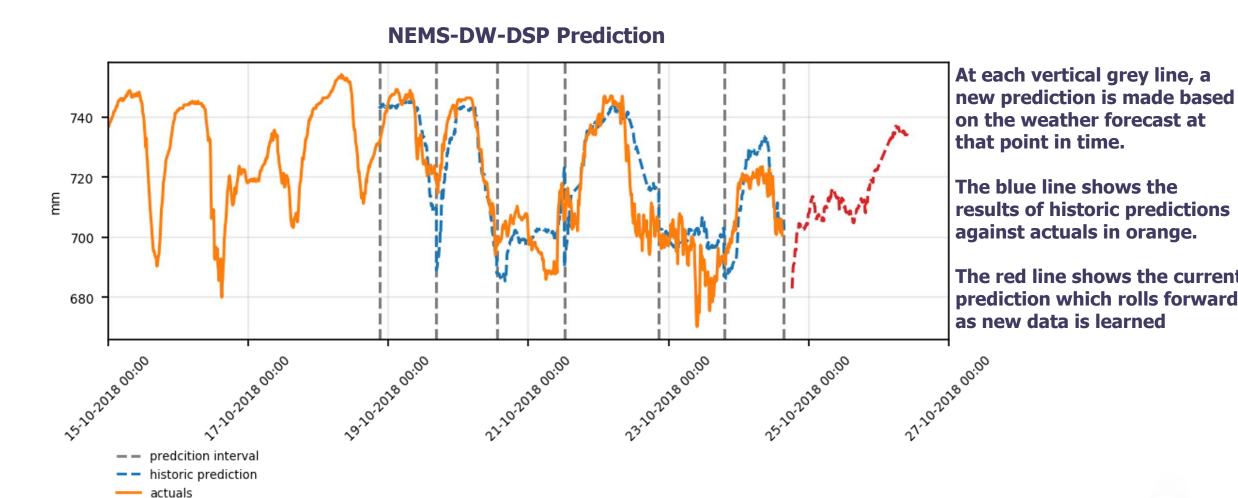
Prediction at 7pm 23rd October and then refreshed at 3pm the next day



FRB Data Analytics – Machine Learning

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-- future prediction



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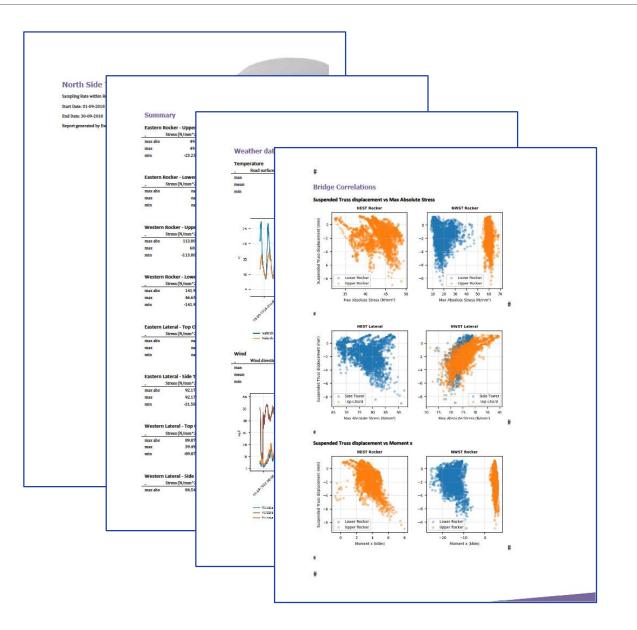
Recent 2 weeks – model prediction versus actual



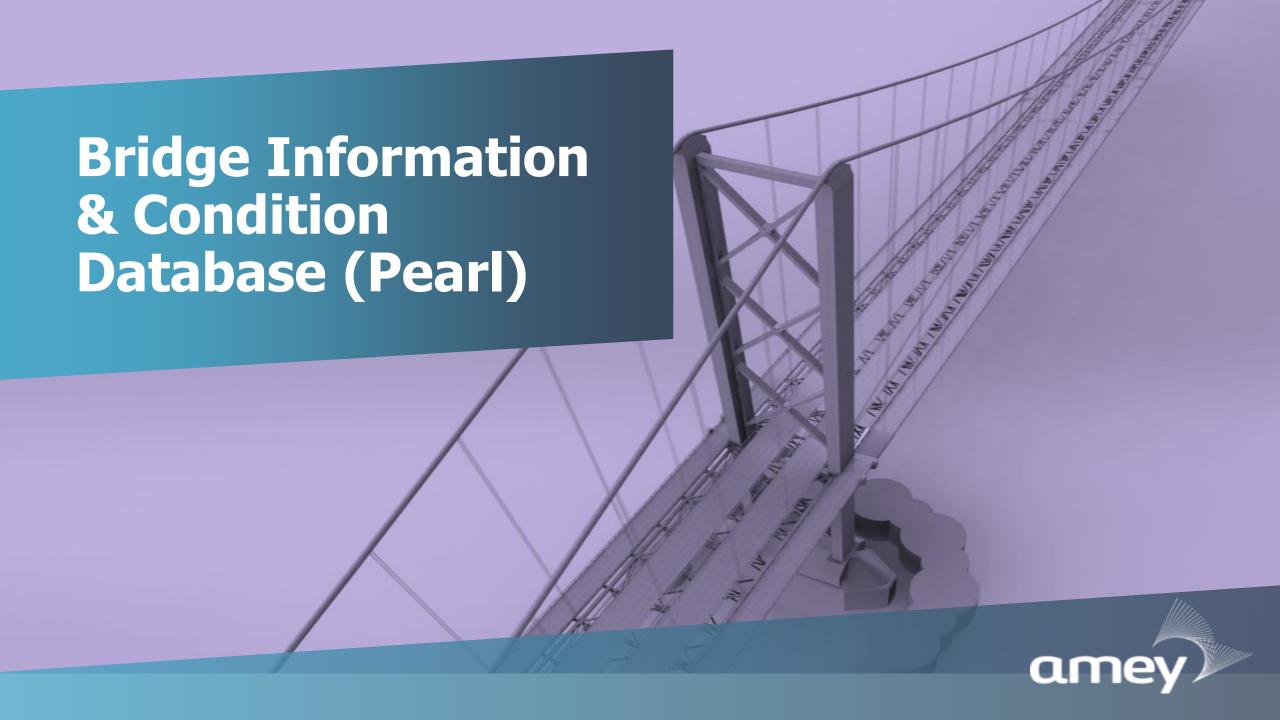




FRB Data Analytics – Automated and On Demand Reporting



- Data monitoring and analytics tools can be grouped and applied for any chosen period to create automated or scheduled or on demand reports
- Suite of reports developed for FRB, each report configured once manually then coded into system to become automated
- Suite of reports being planned for QC once fully online
- Routine reports set up for client reporting
- Special event reports for use in after storm reviews for Named Storms
- Real time, historic, or predictive



Bridge Information & Condition Database (Pearl) FRB & QC

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Records Storage

- Cloud storage of all info and records for 30,000 elements
- Batch inputting of records using meta data (QC)

Inspection Management

- Inspection programme management
- Outlook style calendar scheduling

Defect Management

- Automated updating of BCIs for elements or whole bridge
- Repair & maintenance management

Document Management

- Full bespoke online document management module
- Records by element
- Records by project

Reporting

- Automatic generation
- Online approvals
- PI/GI
- BCI
- Defects
- C&V

Analytics

- Deterioration analysis
- Element structural capacities
- Loading & Event scenario analysis
- Mercury interface

Pearl

Information & Condition Database

Pearl – Major Bridges Entry Screen

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Select Bridge



Queensferry Crossing (M90 0-1 60)



Forth Road Bridge (A9000 9)



Erskine Bridge (A989 100)



Kessock Bridge (A9 1350)



Cross-bridge Analysis and Reporting

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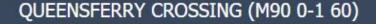
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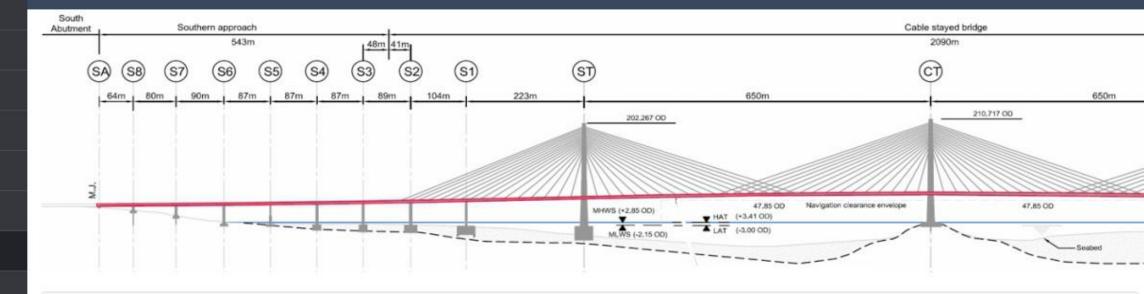
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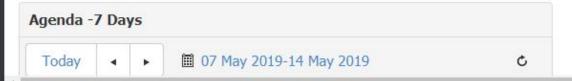


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Agenda +7 Days

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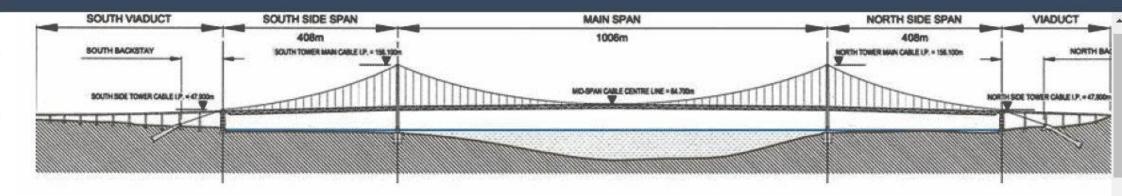
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FORTH ROAD BRIDGE IDRMDB



Overview

The Forth Road Bridge is a long span suspension bridge which was opened in September 1964.

The bridge crosses the Firth of Forth some 15km west of Edinburgh and is a vital link in Scotland's strategic road network. The bridge deck supports a dual two lane carriageway without hard shoulders or strips. There is a separate footway / cycletrack on either side.

The historic importance of the structure to Scotland was recognised in 2001 when the bridge was classed as a Category A listed Structure.

Bridge Information



Favourite Documents

FRB & QC Pearl – Agenda Page



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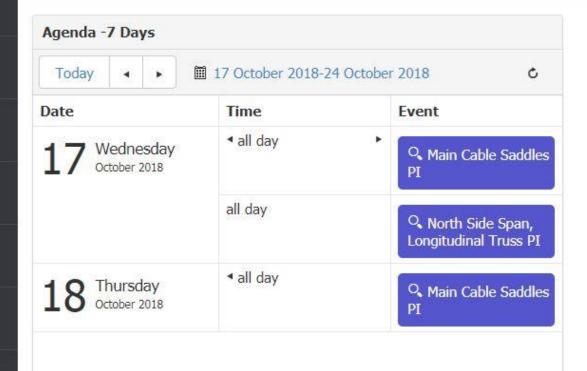
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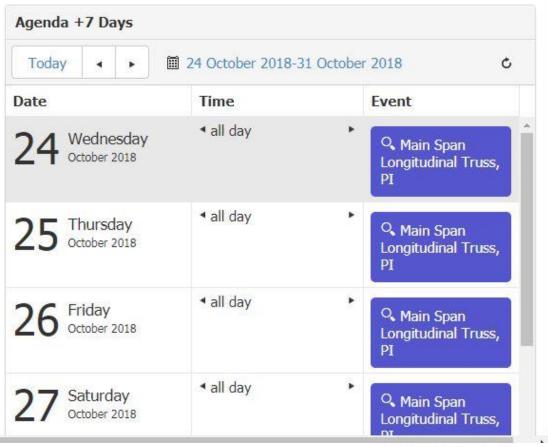
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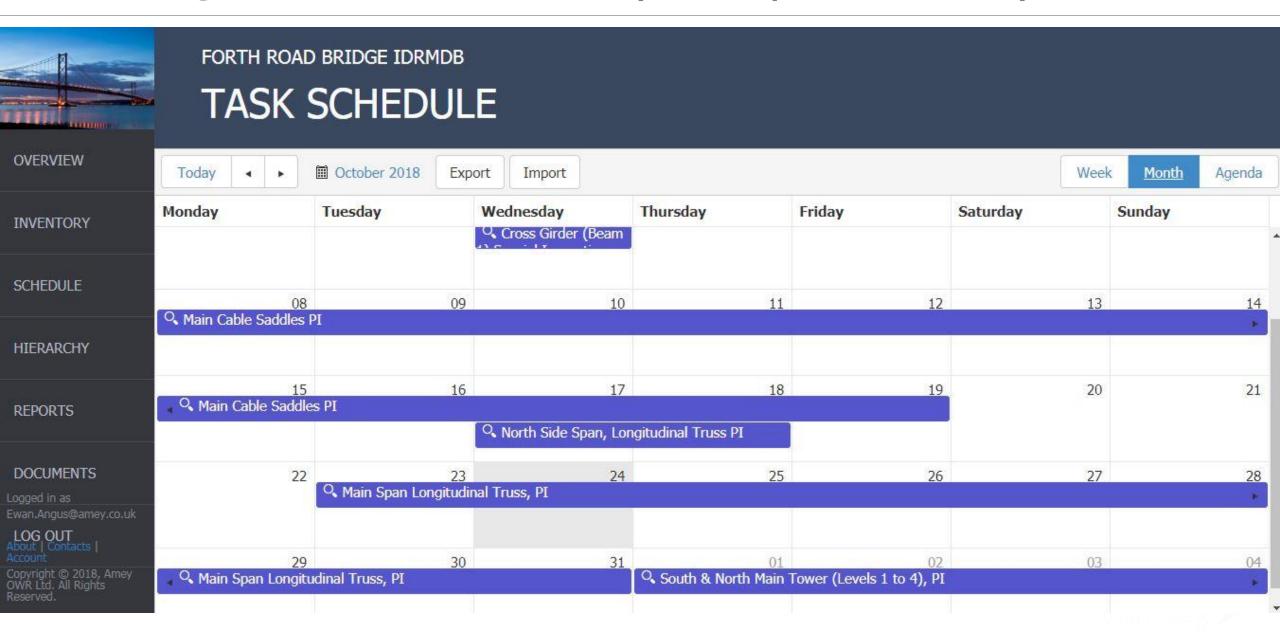
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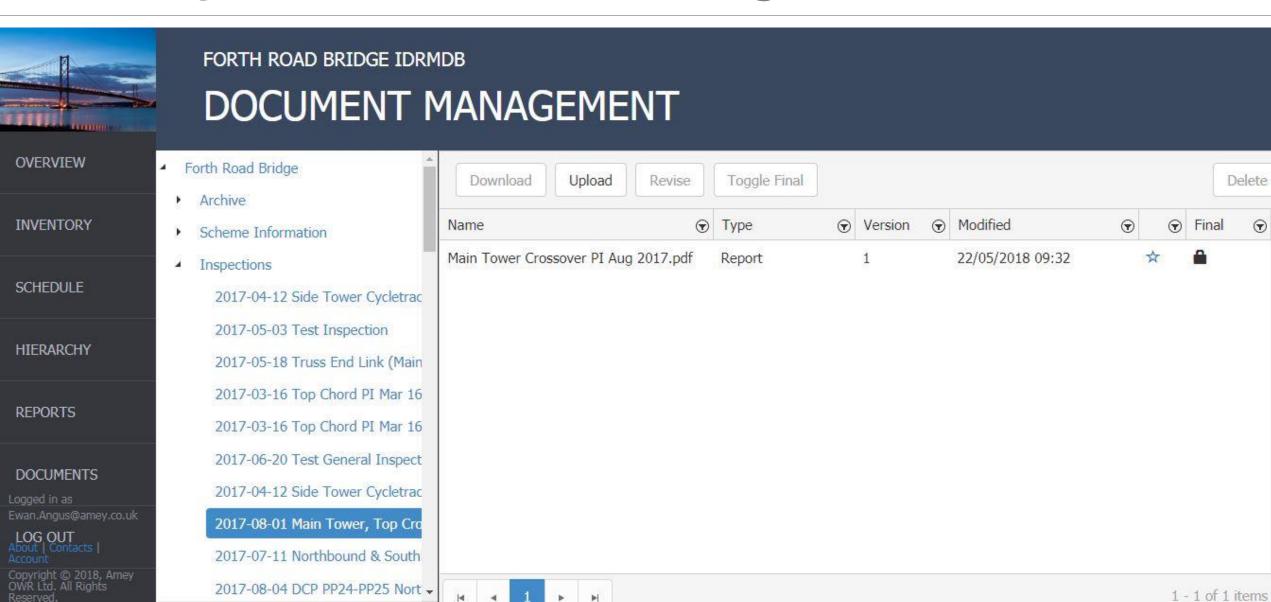




FRB & QC Pearl – Outlook Style Inspection Diary



FRB & QC Pearl – Document Management Module



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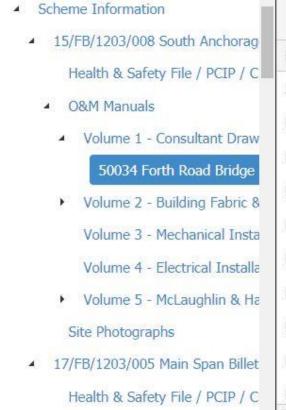
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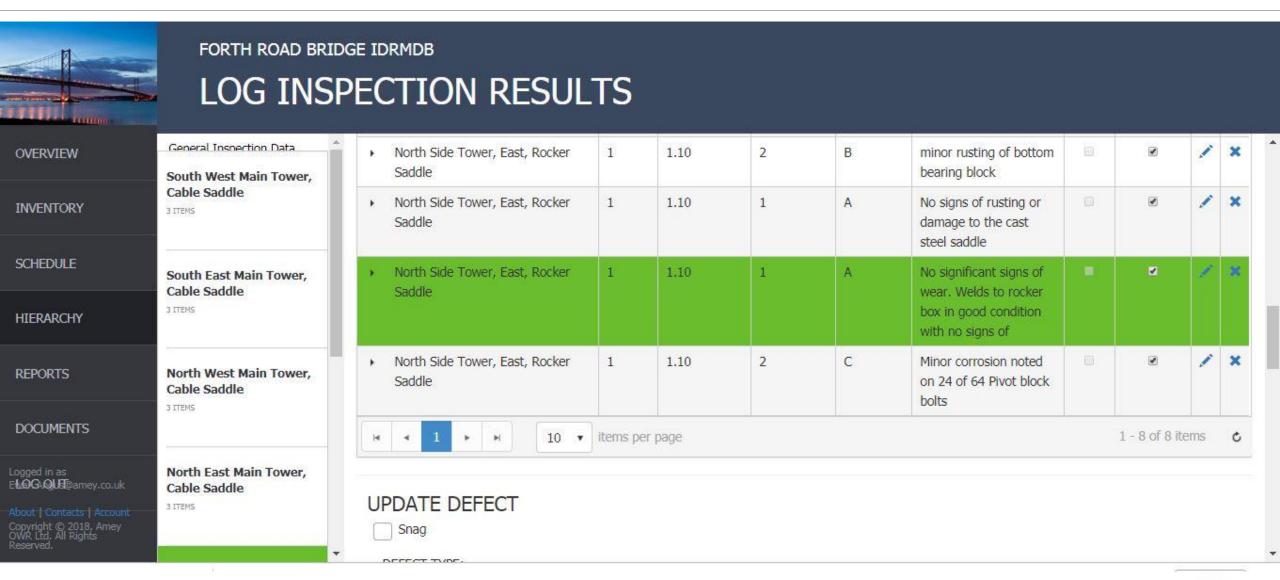
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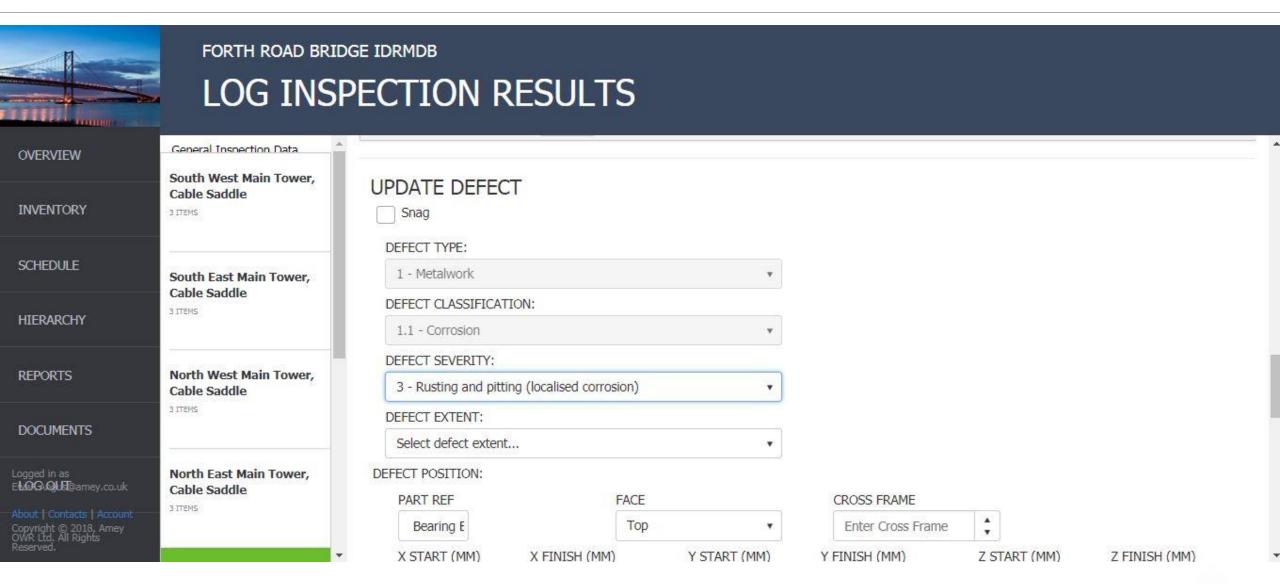
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FRB & QC Pearl – Logging of Defects





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FRB & QC Pearl – Report Generation

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GENERATE REPORTS

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SELECT REPORT

Inspection Reports

Compliance Report

Produce a schedule based heatmap, where each cell represents the urgency of a specific component's inspection.

BCI (average)

Schedule

Produce a heatmap showing average BCI scores for each component.

BCI (critical)

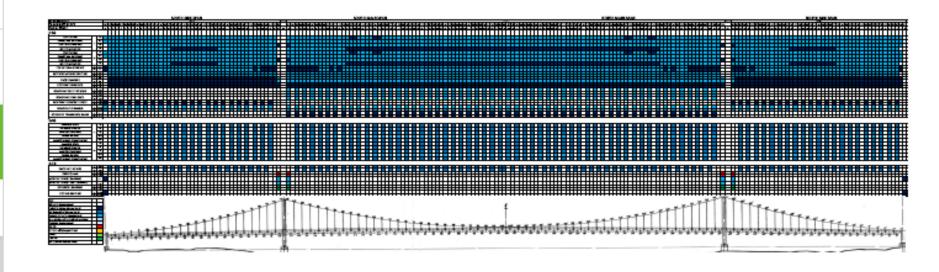
Produce a heatmap showing critical BCI scores for each component.

Bridge Condition Indices

Criticality and Vulnerability Reports

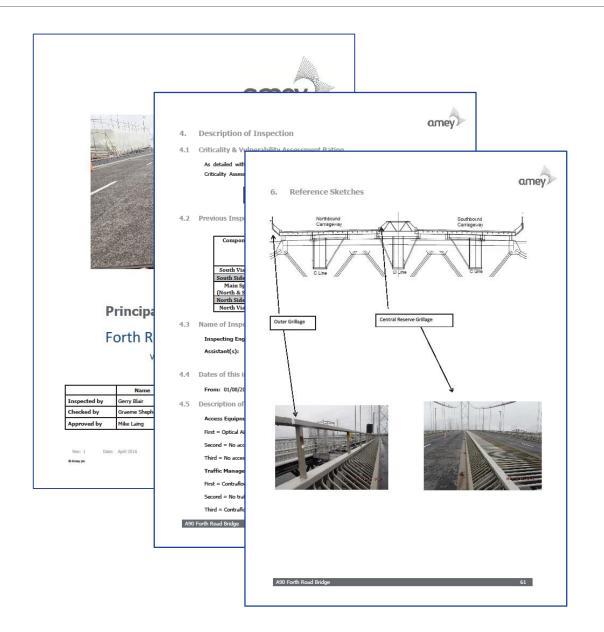
Schedule and Condition Heatmaps

Defect Report



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FRB & QC Pearl – Automated Inspection Report Generation

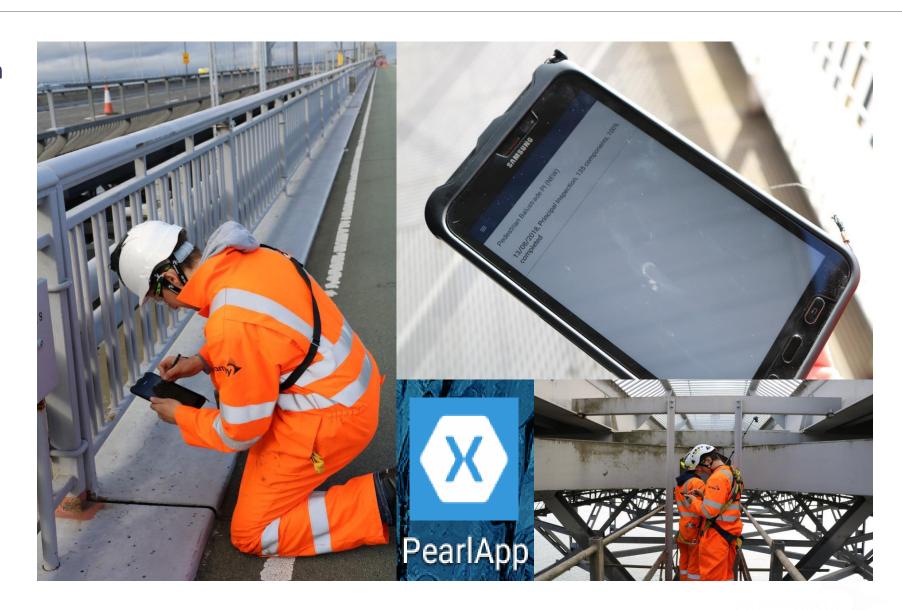


- Inspection reports generated by system automatically or on-demand
- Huge increase in efficiency report template only needs set up once by engineers then coded into system
- Automatically set up to demonstrate compliance with contract KPIs
- Client approval of reports online



FRB & QC Pearl – Mobile Device Input via PearlApp

- Defects recorded directly on site by inspectors using Wifi enabled Mobile App
- ☐ Element records and defect history available to inspectors
- ☐ Bridge Wifi allows Bridge Condition Indices to be automatically updated and inspection reports created automatically
- ☐ 360° camera and VR system being trialled



Pulling It All Together



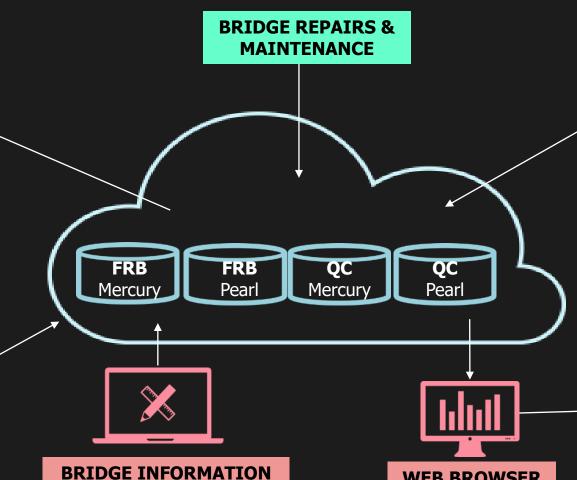
CONTROL ROOM

Real Time Monitoring Alerts 3D Visualisation



SENSORS

Bridge Loading Wind & Temperature Bridge Response



Structural Capacities

As-Built Records

Baseline Conditions

WEB BROWSER

Bridge Operations Scheduling Inspections/Repairs Monitoring Economic Modelling

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

Inspectors / Tablet Input 360° Camera VR/AR



AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED REPORTS

Inspection Reports Monitoring Reports Bridge Condition Indices Maintenance Budgets

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In Conclusion

- > This is all about Data! Lots of assets generate lots of data but many don't make full use of it
- > The systems we have developed have put these bridges in a world leading position
- > Resilience and confidence can be increased with proper use of technology and data
- > Owners of smart assets can make better informed decisions
- > Integration, automation, and harnessing the full power of Data Analytics are key to success
- Engineering judgement will always be needed but the analytics free up time for this

